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REPORT —TO OUR READER-OWNERS

"Quixotic Fencing"

One letter from a reader-owner we were very glad to print recently declared that the editor of The Labor Journal should quit "quixotic fencing" with the Oakland Tribune.

According to the Century dictionary, quixotic means "extravagantly or absurdly romantic; striving for an unattainable or impracticable ideal; characterized by futile self-devotion; visionary."

We assume our friend the letter-writer thinks that for a little labor paper to try to reform a dreadnaught like the Trib is to be "striving for an unattainable or impracticable ideal."

But is it really unattainable or impracticable?

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Trib Folks Read Us!

For one thing, we know positively that the higher-ups on the Tribune read this paper. We also learned, in a rather amusing way, that the open letter to Joseph Knowland in which we called his attention to the scandalous unfairness his paper displayed in the Oakland primary campaign, was read, and that it annoyed the recipient.

Of course it annoyed him. It hurt, because it told the exact truth. And he knew, and the rest of the higher-ups on the Trib knew, that it just isn't good business permanently to ignore exact, truthful criticism that goes out to many thousands of people in this community.

Incidentally, for some reason or other the Trib didn't run a vast number of viciously slanted stories during the Oakland general election campaign. Maybe it was because Joe Knowland felt so sure of winning that he didn't deem it necessary to pour much poison into the "news" columns of his paper. Possibly, too, he didn't want to be scorched again by our "quixotic" little sheet? Who knows?

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Other Criticisms

The same brother who thought our fencing with the Trib quixotic remarked in his letter that he wanted straight news in The Labor Journal, not mixed up with comment. Well, we do try to separate our comment from our news stories, putting any comment at the bottom of the story, instead of mixing it with the body of the news. And we try always to mark comment plainly, either saying "News plus Comment" at the top of a mixed column of news and comment, or adding "Editor's Note" or "Editor's Comment" at the bottom.

As for our friend the letter-writer saying that he simply doesn't believe our statement that we didn't receive advance notice of the dates of Mr. Wallace's meetings, he means by that, of course, that the editor of this paper is a liar. Well, that's his privilege.

But those who read this paper regularly will note that we try pretty faithfully to give a break to announcements by those with whom we disagree. We certainly do not count announcements by Sidney Roger on the radio as adequate advance notice of meetings, as it is decidedly our privilege not to go to great trouble to listen to Sidney Roger or Fulton Lewis, Jr. Besides, editors for the sake of accuracy like to get notices of dates of meetings in written form.

Risley, Dart Voted Into Office Again By Carpenters 36

C. E. Risley and V. V. Dart, incumbent business agents for Carpenters Local 36, were reelected Friday of last week, defeating Derwin Moss, J. O'Brien, and Vance Wise.

Risley is entering his 28th year as a business agent for the local. He said on being reelected that "we have always liked to feel that this is a genuinely progressive local."

Local 36 is 67 years old, having been chartered in 1882.

G. Benonys was elected president, defeating J. C. Dial.

Barney Holder, Jr., was elected vice-president, defeating Jim Brooks and Art K. Howard.

The following were elected without opposition:

Recording secretary, C. R. Bartalini, incumbent;

Financial secretary, E. M. Crow;

Treasurer, H. Kleckner, incumbent;

Conductor, A. R. Tietz, incumbent;

Warden, J. Irthum, incumbent;

Examining board, Andy Larsen;

Dispatcher, Roy W. Smith, incumbent.

For trustee, Barney Holder Sr., defeated Fred Otto, incumbent.

The following twenty were elected as delegates to the Bay District Council of Carpenters: C. R. Bartalini, G. Benonys, E. M. Crow, V. V. Dart, J. C. Dial, Abe Greitzer, B. Holder, Jr., E. Jensen, Ed Jonson, Andy Larsen, Frank Lindahl, Derwin Moss, J. O'Brien, C. E. Risley, P. E. Rowe, Vic Sjoberg, E. Wallace, John Walsh, William Wentling, and Vance Wise.

All of the above except Benonys and Wise were incumbents.

Defeated candidates for delegates to the Bay District Council of Carpenters were: Jim Brooks, L. B. Flanigan, Art K. Howard, L. G. Howard, L. Leon, H. Singer, H. C. Sharp, and W. N. Wheeler. None of these was an incumbent.

The following six incumbents were elected as delegates to the Central Labor Council: E. Botta, Jim Brooks, A. Cunningham, William H. McKinney, L. Vannier, and William Wentling. Bob Grover was defeated in this race.

9 Bake Shops' Picket Lines Strengthened

As The Labor Journal went to press, picket lines were being strengthened at 9 retail bakery stores, assistance to Bakers Local 119 being given by Food Clerks Local 870 and others.

At the meeting of the Central Labor Council Monday night delegates pointed out that this was the first strike of Local 119 in 46 years, and that the members were unaccustomed to picket duty, but learning the function rapidly. It was stated, that the union was showing a determined spirit, and was ready to engage in a long siege, if necessary, and this was confirmed by Charles H. Bullock at the union headquarters.

PICKETED SHOPS

Progressive picketing of shops began May 24. The nine shops picketed are:

White Cross Bakery, 2781 Telegraph

Standard Doughnut Company, 4095 Foothill

Cottage Bakery, 939 B street, Hayward

Charlotte's Fine Pastries, 3287 Lakeshore

Boniere Bakery, 1417 Park, Alameda

Superior Bakery, 1519 Webster, Alameda

Berkeley Bakers, 3295 Adeline street, Berkeley

Lady Esther's Bakery, 1409½ Park street, Alameda

Bond Street Bakery, 5815 Bond street.

In the discussion at the Central Labor Council the question was raised whether the United Employers had been able to show power-of-attorney for those among the 150 retail bake shops it claims to represent. The United Employers put out a statement contending that this was "not a legitimate negotiations procedure," and saying they would supply a list of firms instead.

DISPUTE OVER WAGES

The dispute is over wages. Bakers now get a basic rate of $1.57, with some classifications getting $1.73. The United Employers' statement says:

"From the beginning, employers have contended that they were not able to give any wage raise at this time, without raising prices. However, they agreed to settle for a 5-cents per hour wage raise providing that the cost of living went up 5 points as of March 15."

The union has argued that the same type of shop is paying higher wages in San Francisco.

The big factory shops in the East Bay are not involved in the dispute, having already signed with the union.

Hodcarriers Name A. Silva as Agent

Abel Silva, who resigned as business representative of Hodcarriers Local 166 in 1948, has been elected to that post again in a contest with the incumbent, J. H. Pratt.

The election was held last week.

The following officers were reelected without opposition: President Dane Roberts, Vice-President Max Siegel, Financial Secretary Harry Johnson, Recording Secretary Frank Hurt, and Sergeant-at-Arms Fred Williams.

The following three were elected to the executive board, the first named being an incumbent: Dale Braskett, Leo Wallace, H. Beerbower.

Trustees elected were Nick Nielsen and Arvin Nelson, the first named being an incumbent.

Delegates to Building Trades Council: Harry Johnson, Abel Silva.

Les Williams Wins B.A. Job in Hayward

Leslie L. Williams, who has been financial secretary of Hayward Carpenters Local 1622 for some years, was this week elected business agent, defeating the incumbent, Charles Roe, who has held the post for 12 years. Roe was formerly a vice-president of the State Federation of Labor, but declined to run for reelection last year.

Williams' former post of financial secretary was won by Charles Carter.

President S. M. Mackey and Recording Secretary Harold E. Redding were reelected.

NOTICE! Berkeley Painters Local 40

There will be a special meeting Friday, June 24, to elect officers for the coming year.

Any member interested in the Permanente Health Plan for himself and family please attend this meeting. If there are not 25 members interested, the idea will be dropped.

Refreshments will be served.

Yours fraternally,
CLARENCE VEZEY,
Business Representative

Petrillo Leaves for East After Shaving Off John L.'s Eyebrows

James Caesar Petrillo, dynamic leader of the American Federation of Musicians, had headed back this week, and the hundreds of delegates to last week's convention in the San Francisco Civic Auditorium were scattering to their homes. Al Morris, business representative of Musicians Local 6 here, was closing up the details of his busy job as chairman of the convention committee.

"They can say all they like about Petrillo," Morris told The Labor Journal, "but our folks love him. We know he's doing everything humanly possible to take care of the interests of the people that make the music for America."

Following are press releases issued by the office of the convention, telling some of the stirring matters transpiring at the big convention.

(AFM Press Release)

In a surprise speech to the delegates who had given him a standing, cheering ovation following his election, Petrillo said:

"Thank you for the large vote you gave me. Sure I had opposition for the first time and the press made much of it. Opposition is all right. Ours is a democratic convention—



JAMES CAESAR PETRILLO

none better in the labor movement. In some of these international conventions 60 percent of the delegates are appointed by the President. That's not the way it is here. I never know in advance who's coming to our conventions.

"You may have noticed that I've been quiet for a long while. There's a time to be quiet. But, with the Taft-Hartley legislation before Congress a certain labor leader says to his men, 'Take a vacation'.

"So far as I'm concerned—and I invite the press to record this—I THINK JOHN L. LEWIS IS NUTS."

The delegates stood and cheered lustily before Petrillo could continue:

"I say to him: 'YOU ARE NOT A FAITHFUL LABOR LEADER, NOR ARE YOU FAITHFUL TO THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA.'

"There it is. Somebody had to say it, so I did. I have a right to say it—I'm a sincere labor leader.

"He tells those poor miners to take a week off. And they're hungry. I'm not criticizing anyone but Lewis."

Then waving his arms belligerently, Petrillo shouted: "I'll take him on here—on the radio—any place in America."

PETRILLO'S CANDIDACY

President Petrillo was introduced for his talk at the opening of the convention by Ed. S. Moore, president of San Francisco's Local 6, as "the man who once told Mussolini to go to hell—and he did!" Moore referred to a protest cable sent by Petrillo to the then Italian dictator protesting the playing of a non-union Italian band in Chicago.

At the commencement of his remarks, Petrillo recalled that on this same platform in 1947 Joseph W. Padway, noted labor attorney and then general counsel of the Musicians' Federataion, suffered a fatal stroke while protesting the Taft-Hartley law.

Petrillo quickly disposed of published reports that he might not offer for reelection as president of the musicians. "If I ever decide to do such a thing you will hear it from me first, not through the press or from a radio commentator," Petrillo said. Then he added flatly: "I will keep the job so long as the delegates elect me and so long as my health permits."

Proceeding quickly to union problems, Petrillo said he wished to impress upon all delegates the threat existing in what he said was a jurisdictional war being attempted by the American Guild of Variety Artists. All was serene, the musicians, chief said, until "someone got the crazy idea that when a musician plays under a spotlight it makes him an act and he must belong to AGVA."

"DON'T SCARE EASILY"

No musician anywhere, anytime need belong to another trade union, Petrillo stared with emphasis.

He told of an incident in New York City recently where, he said, AGVA had attempted to force a musician who made casual introduction of performers to join AGVA. He said he had demanded AGVA return the musicians' initiation fee and when the rival union failed to comply, the union band was withdrawn from the New York theater.

"We don't scare easily; we won't permit any raiding," Petrillo said. He recalled that one of his local officials had suggested a policy of cooperation with AGVA and his reply was: "We're not going to

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William Green is Fast on His Feet, BTC Session Told

AFL President William Green is fast on his feet and quick with his tongue when it comes to batting out the fast curves flung at him by a lot of lively university students, the Building Trades Council was told at its meeting Tuesday night.

John Davy of Steamfitters 342 attended the meeting at Wheeler Hall on the campus at which Green spoke, and he said that the famous labor leader didn't need to avail himself of University President Sproul's courteous practice of repeating the question and thus giving the speaker a chance to think out the answer. Green instead promptly fired back his answer, without waiting for Sproul to repeat the question.

Davy was particularly impressed with the way Green handled one student's question to whether portal-to-portal pay is really justified.

Green put his hands on the table before him, leaned over, and said:

"Listen. I worked 20 years down in the darkness of the mines, and before I'd get to the place where I did my work and got paid for it, I'd have to walk three or four or five miles on my own time. After the hard day's work was over, I had to take that long walk again, down there in the dark. How many of you young people here would like to do that?"

Business Representative Jack Reynolds reported on attending a hearing before the Board of Supervisors on the flood control district proposed for this area, the measure authorizing which has passed the Assembly and is now before the Senate.

Reynolds reported that the idea seems excellent, and that speakers will go before the Oakland City Council to advocate it. The Oakland Council rejected the plan some time ago, some of the Councilmen having confused it with another measure, said Reynolds.

CHILD CARE CENTERS

The BTC went on record urging the Legislature to retain the Child Care Centers.

Many illustrations were given of the difficulties faced by working mothers, if the centers are abolished.

Sheet Metal 355 Votes in 3 Cities For Its Officers

Sheet Metal Workers Production Local 355 has elected officers, with voting taking place in Oakland, San Francisco, and Stockton, to cover the entire jurisdiction of the local. Results were:

President: Vernon Hall, 195 votes; Gerald Howe, 66.

Vice-President: Edgar Ingels, 222.

Recording Secretary: Alfred Teixera, 220 votes; Lee Van Wegin, 1.

Business Representative, Financial Secretary, and Treasurer: Aaron R. Stewart, 253; Antone Kovats, 1.

Warden: Ashton Richards, 148; Jimmy Love, 84.

Conductor: Kenneth Knapp, 216.

Trustees (three elected): Antone Kovats, 192, Rex Tobler, 185; Harold Dohrmann, 184.

Three executive board members, Oakland: Antone Kovats, 139; George Wakefield, 131; Emil Minger, 130. Others running were: Fred Moresi, 126; Ashton Richards, 111.

Four executive board members, San Francsico: Walter Lorenz, 194; Steve Balcioni, 193; John Palacio, 183; Louis Biondi, 182. Tony Quinteri received one vote.

Two delegates to Building Trades Council and Central Labor Council, Oakland: Vernon Hall, 194; Ashton Richards, 183.

Delegate to Metal Trades Council: Henry Dagneau, 192.

Auto Machinists Beat Florists 9-8

Auto Machinists Local 1546 came to life and defeated the hard hitting Maccorio Florists' team by a score of 9 to 8. George Freitas pitched for the Auto Machinists and was pretty wobbly in some innings. Roy caught for the opposing team.

Mayborg pitched a good ball game and Gallegas caught. Tom Burch, up and coming young first baseman for Auto Machinists, hit a homerun with two men on. Larry Nunes, shortstop, hit a triple.

It was a well played ball game. It was tied up in the fourth inning and was tied up in the eighth.

Going into the last half of the ninth inning, the score was at 8 to 8.

Larry Alves came to bat and hit a long line drive to centerfield. The centerfielder in trying to make a shoestring catch, let the ball get away from him, Alves going all the way home, winning the ball game.

Ernst Expels James D'Arcy From His Union

James D'Arcy, member and officer of Culinary Workers Alliance 31 here for many years, for some years an Oakland City Councilman, has been expelled from membership in the Hotel and Restaurant Employes and Bartenders International Union.

The expulsion was ordered by General President Hugo Ernst, who published a letter to D'Arcy on the page headed "Decisions of the General President," in the May issue of the Catering Industry Employe, official publication of the international union.

ERNST'S LETTER

Following is Ernst's letter:

James D'Arcy, Local 31
Los Angeles 44, California.

Decision No. 2878
March 29, 1949

Dear Sir and Brother:

I have before me charges preferred against you as a former member of Culinary Workers Alliance, Local 31, Oakland, California; you having been issued a withdrawal card by Local 31 in February, 1949. The charges were preferred in accordance with Section 88 of the International Constitution, by Ed. S. Miller, a member of Bartenders' Local 420, Kansas City, Missouri.

We have your answer to the charges in which you plead guilty and cite extenuating circumstances prevailing at the time the offense was committed.

We hereby adjudge you guilty and penalize you by cancelling the withdrawal card issued by Local 31 and expell you from membership in the International Union.

Fraternally yours,
HUGO ERNST,
General President

"SECTION 88"

Section 88 of the international union's constitution, referred to in President Ernst's letter, is concerned with penalties for failure to handle finances in the best interests of the union, and with other deviations.

The reason President Ernst's letter is addressed to D'Arcy at Los Angeles is because D'Arcy has for some time lived in the southern end of the State, functioning as a union official.

In its issue of May 9, 1947, The East Bay Labor Journal published a picture of D'Arcy's residence in the southern end of the State and brought out the fact, also reported in other papers, that he was not only a non-resident of Oakland, but that he had for a long time not been attending meetings of the City Council.

This occurred during the hot Oakland municipal campaign which resulted on May 13 of that year in the election of the present Mayor Joseph E. Smith and three other labor-backed candidates to the City Council.

RISHELL REPLACED D'ARCY

After the election, and before the new Councilmen had been seated, the old City Council accepted the resignation of D'Arcy as a member of the Council, and appointed Clifford E. Rishell to take his place, Rishell to face the voters in the 1949 election, which he did, being returned to office.

D'Arcy had been considered while on the City Council as acceptable to the Knowland forces. He had moved to the southern end of the State on receiving an assignment to work there for the union. When the exposure of his non-residence was first made, he said that he was legally a resident of Oakland, although he owned a home in Long Beach, and added:

"Nothing prevents me from opening a home in Chicago or Timbuctu, if I so desire."

HARRY BRIDGES' CASE must proceed promptly, Federal Judge Roche ruled in S. F., ordering the CIO Longshore chief and his two associates, accused of conspiracy to commit perjury in connection with Bridges' naturalization papers, to appear for arraignment Thursday of this week. Herbert Resner, defense attorney, had asked for delay, contending that the Government had been preparing the case for months against his clients, and that "Government agents are around here like flies and fleas . . . all I want is 30 days to file for a bill of particulars."

Cities Take Part In Key Negotiations

At meetings of Carmen's Division 192 held Wednesday proposals for delaying the strike against the Key System were explained to the membership, with the union's negotiating committee suggesting acceptance of the proposed delay of from 3 to 5 days.

At the time The Labor Journal went to press, the membership's action on the proposal had not yet been announced.

The proposal for delay of strike action followed a conference held Tuesday in the office of Oakland Mayor Joseph E. Smith by representatives of ten municipalities which would be affected by the strike, union spokesmen, and company representatives.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE

The proposed delay was to give a special committee of ten an opportunity to canvass the deadlock between the company and the union. This committee would be chaired by Federal Conciliator Omar F. Hoskins, and would include three representatives of the municipalities, three of the union, and three of the company.

The three for the municipalities would be Oakland's Mayor Smith and City Manager John F. Hassler and Berkeley's City Attorney Fred C. Hutchinson.

The following two were named for the union, with a third to be named later: Attorney Mathew O. Tobriner and Carmen's International Vice-President John M. Elliott.

The following two were named for the company, the third man to be named later: Key President E. C. Houghton and President-elect Frank W. Teasdel.

8-HOUR DAY INVOLVED

The deadlock centers around the reduction of hours for operating personnel from the present 48 per week to 40 per week.

The company says it will agree to reduce the hours, but contends it cannot guarantee and eight-hour day nor the same take-home pay the men are now getting. The union asks for the guaranteed eight-hour day, and the same take-home pay now received.

President E. H. Henson of Division 192 reported to the Central Labor Council Monday night on the dispute, and declared that the company refuses to budge in its position, having no more regard for the public than for its employes.

The union formally requested the Council to assist in the negotiations and to appoint a committee with full power to act. This was done, the committee consisting of Council President A. G. Alameida, Secretary Robert S. Ash, and Assistant Secretary William P. Fee.

Coast Council of Paint Makers Hold Conference Here

The Western Joint Council of Paint Makers met at the Labor Temple Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, with delegates present from six locals on the Pacific Coast, and with Jack Kopke and Paul Nicely of East Bay Local 1101 kept very busy as hosts.

Delegates were sent by the locals in Seattle, Portland, Los Angeles, South San Francisco, and San Francisco, in addition to those from the East Bay local.

General Organizers James Blackburn of Los Angeles and Al King of the Bay Area were present, representing the International Painters Union, with which the Paint Makers are affiliated.

Among those who spoke at the conference were Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash, State Council of Painters Vice-President Hugh Rutledge, and Business Agent McIntyre of the Linoleum Layers.

Many problems confronting the unions in the paint industry in these days of readjustment were discussed.

BAY AREA WAGE per week for the average industrial and commercial worker is $63.27, says the Bay Area Council, with those in wholesale fields getting highest pay, and those in hotel industry the lowest.

Union Labor Volunteers Aiding Scout Camp Win High Praise

Business Representative Jack Reynolds of the Building Trades Council said this week that building trades workers who are volunteering to help improve the Boy Scout camp near Livermore are receiving high praise by leaders of the community.

"Members of some of our unions have been going out there and pitching in with vigor," said Reynolds, "and not only has their work called attention to the civic consciousness of labor union people, but it will prove of lasting benefit to youngsters in the Scouts who are members of labor families."

Volunteer workers are fed at the camp, and are put up for the night if they wish. Gasoline is supplied for cars carrying several volunteer workers.

The project has been closely associated with the unions from the start, as the 689-acre site, valued at $10,000, was presented to the Scouts by East Bay Auto Machinists Local 1546, Ernest H. Vernon, general business representative of that local, presenting the deed for the site to the Scout Council in 1944.

Members of Laborers Local 304 have been among those whose work has been considered of great value in getting the camp into shape this year. They have been working on many important improvements at the camp.

Cadillac Comes to Terms With Auto Salesmen's Union

The dispute between Auto Salesmen's Local 1095 and the Cadillac agency has been settled, the local Cadillac manager having got by telegraph authorization from the firm's headquarters in Detroit to sign the contract with the union.

Al Silva, business manager for the union, told The Labor Journal:

"It's the full agreement they've signed—no ifs or ans about it."

The agreement runs from June 1.

Other unions belonging to the AFL Automotive Council have been interested in the dispute, as they are now negotiating their new agreement with the Motor Car Dealers Association, and do not wish to have the complication of one big company contending that its local agents are not authorized to sign.

The Automotive Council includes, in addition to Auto Salesmen 1095, Automotive Machinists 1546, Auto Painters 1176, and Garage Employes 78.

Lumsden Right to Place in Central Council Confirmed

The right of Harry Lumsden to a seat in the Central Labor Council as a delegate from Shipyard Laborers Local 886 was confirmed at the CLC meeting Monday night. He had been seated at the previous meeting, but some question as to credentials was raised Monday, and decided in Lumsden's favor.

Lumsden has been a center of controversy in Local 886 for some time. He challenged the validity of the election held by the local June 25 and 26 of last year, and as chairman of a committee of members taking that attitude went back to the headquarters of the International Union of Hodcarriers, Building, and Common Laborers, where his challenge was sustained, the international officers declaring the election invalid and ordering that a new one be held.

Lumsden in the election he challenged had run for business agent against A. F. Bartholomew.

The decision of the international officers, given in March, while a victory for Lumsden in principle, did not result in the holding of a special election, as a regular election was already scheduled for June 23 and 24 of this year. At that time officers will be elected for five-year terms, the length of officers' tenure having been changed to that period since the challenged election of last year, when the term was one year.

The question as to whether Lumsden was entitled to a seat in the Central Labor Council arose from the fact that he had been declared suspended for failure to attend meetings while absent in Washington to present arguments to the international officers concerning the challenged election. He contended that he was absent on legitimate union business.

Office Union Wins Todd Yard Dispute

Office Employes Union Local 29 has won an arbitration award in its dispute with the Todd-Pacific Shipyards in Alameda, the Central Labor Council was informed Monday night.

The dispute arose over the insistence of the company that leadermen and foremen should fill out time-cards for their crews.

The union contended this was an infringement on their jurisdiction and did not come within the scope of managerial discretion. The case for the union was presented by Raymond R. Colliver, secretary-treasurer of Local 29 at a hearing held December 14.

Arthur Miller acted as impartial arbitrator on the arbitration board on which Roy Phalen represented the union. The board held that the work was properly that of timekeepers and members of the Office Employes Union. It is anticipated that under the decision a number of timekeepers will be returned to their jobs and will be welcomed by many of the foremen and leadermen who have been handling the extra workload.

The Metal Trades Council supported the position of the Union, according to Colliver in reporting to the Council.

$150 FOR SUGGESTION on improved methods was paid Manual J. Borba, a painter at S. F. Naval Shipyard. Since January 1 Borba has won a total of $375 for suggestions, says Shipyard Commander B. E. Manseau.

Nothing Personal

Notes on the Cuff . . . Nothing Personal enjoyed one of the closing days of the Musicians International Convention in San Francisco last week and besides hearing President Randolph of the ITU and Secretary Bob Ash of the CLC address the convention we also had the extreme pleasure of hearing and seeing the one and only, much publicized, much condemned by the daily press, James Caesar Petrillo, fiery leader of the Musicians in action . . . and we can only add what's been said before and that is, "He's quite a guy".

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Fortunately we were there on nominating day and while Jimmy only had token opposition we enjoyed the democratic, free wheeling way in which the Musicians run their convention . . . and the opportunity that's given to everyone to have their say . . . and boy, do those musicians say it! . . . The executive council was taken on, time and again by the members and while they didn't suffer any bruising defeats, the whole story shows that the Musicians run their convention, and their union in a thoroughly democratic manner.

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We noted too with pleasure that Al Morris of Local 6 (which is both sides of the bay) played an important role as host to the 1000 or more delegates that were present and was all over the place seeing to it that every need of the visitors was taken care of . . . All in all it was quite a treat and we hope that the Musicians won't wait so long between puffs before they visit the bay area again.

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We understand that Ruby Hall, head of the Hayward Culinary Workers and local secretary of the Democratic County Committee spark-plugged the luncheon that was given last Friday for State Senator George Luckey who was visiting the Bay area . . . Luckey was the man that plugged the Truman campaign leaks last fall with that long green dough as head of the finance committee of the State, and did such a cracking good job in rallying state support for the President in those dark days when the Wednesday Demo's were attempting to dump Truman for (of all things a military man!)

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Anyway Ruby had about 145 present and all the county bigwigs of the demo party were there and it was a very successful luncheon . . . We hear tell that Luckey might run for Governor and this luncheon is just the first of many . . . As each Gubernatorial candidate comes to town, we understand that similar luncheons will be held so that members of the party (Demo that is) will have a chance to meet them and judge their qualifications . . . Anyway it was a good luncheon and we hope the idea continues.

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Most of the AFL labor movement of the County were out last Thursday night to hear President William Green talk at U. C. under the auspices of the Department of Industrial Relations . . . President Green's talk was on the economics of collective bargaining, and Wheeler Hall was jammed to hear him . . . This was the only appearance of President Green on our side of the bay and was the only opportunity for East Bay folk to hear him.

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Prior to his talk . . . Dr. Clark Kerr head of the Department at U. C. gave an informal get together party at his home for representatives of management, labor and the professions were invited and we were told that the get-together was up to the usual high standard that Dr. Kerr had set before.

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All of our CLC officers were present as well as many representatives of the Teamsters, Building Trades, Food Clerks, Painters allied crafts as well as several labor officials from San Francisco . . . President Green paid a visit to the San Francisco Labor Council last Friday night and we were informed that many of our East Bay members were present when the venerable president made his talk.

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We also heard in a nice quiet way that that young looking, full of pep business agent of the Bartenders Union, Johnny Quinn and his good wife became grandparents about a month ago . . . John has a grandson now to try and keep up with him . . . The baby was born as John and the Missus were on their way home from Chicago from the Culinary Workers annual convention.

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We understand too that the engineer of the train got a bonus from Johnny for getting the train in ahead of time so that the Quinn's could take a gander at their first grandchild . . . The new baby was named Ross Quinn which broke a two generation set of Johnny Quinn's . . . To both young John, his wife, Mrs. John Quinn and grandpa . . . our heartiest congratulations.

Dellums Seated by CLC

C. L. Dellums was seated Monday night by the Central Labor Council as a delegate from the recently affiliated AFL Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

Pressmen Meet June 20

Oakland Printing Pressmen and Assistants Union Local 125 will hold its regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 20, at the Pacific building, 610 16th street, Oakland, President E. N. Dowdall and Secretary C. A. Moreno announce.

Be Sure To Sign The Oakland Freeholders' Petition!

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INSIDE NEWS of A. F. of L. LABOR UNIONS and AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS

DRESSING ROOM CHATTER

(Theatrical Employes B-82)

The third and final meeting of the month will be held on the fourth Saturday of the month, June 25 at 10 a.m.

The copy for this column this week is unusually light, due to the fact that members are not contributing items about their fellow members, or items that would be of interest to the rest of the membership.

We don't expect every member to contribute an item every week, but something of interest surely happens in your theatre at least once a month. We particularly appeal to the members in the neighborhood houses to keep us informed about who is going on a vacation, having a baby, getting married etc.

How long has it been since there has been a news item about your theatre?

Remember, this is your column and will be just as interesting as you care to make it.

Many of you complained when the column was discontinued before and agreed that if it were revived you would support it by contributing material for it. Well, you've had plenty of time to make good that promise. How about it?

Up and down the aisle . . . La Donna Yager Weller Davis, preparing to check out of the Franklin Box office and devote her full time to her family . . . Cute Lois Joan Collin, will be elevated from the floor to take her place . . . Nola Gates being dispatched to the Telenews as a possible replacement for Alice Minucci . . . Carl Coleman taking over the full time duties at the Tower while Brother Everett Southard enjoys a vacation . . . Bill Dowd replacing Don Vanlue on the Grand-Lake door, as Don withdraws from the local . . . Another recent withdrawal was Charlotte Thoss of the Vogue.

OFFICE NOTES, LOCAL 29

With about 75 members present at the last meeting the membership voted almost unanimously to amend our constitution so that only one meeting a month need be held. All minor corrections which were necessary because of this change were also passed.

Also passed were amendments (1) making the term of office for our officers and Business Agent two years beginning with the 1950 election, (2) establishing the East Bay Labor Journal as our official organ, (3) authorizing the Executive Board to call strikes at their discretion after membership action, and (4) establishment of the prevailing rate of pay for election committees at general elections. These last two were not passed as presented by the committee in the mimeograph notice sent each member but were amended on the floor.

Defeated were amendments which would have (1) changed the order of business, and (2) changed the title of additional Business Agents to Assistant Business Agents.

Amendments which would have assessed a fine for non-attendance at meetings and would have changed the term of Trustees were recommitted to the By-laws Committee for further study. The proposed amendment to limit payment of dues to Shop Stewards in the smaller establishments was tabled.

Roy Phalen was elected to the Executive Board by a vote of 20 to 13 in a contest with Harry Faas. Inez Kimbrell and Roberta Bock were elected Trustees with votes of 22 and 20 respectively. They were opposed by Agnes Jilbert and Jean Senander Kemp who polled 14 and 12 votes.

This was one of the latest meetings we have had for some time. As you can see from the above amount of business transacted, and since we didn't convene until 8:00 p.m. this is not surprising.

ATTENTION!

The regular meeting of Local 29 will be held on June 22nd at Porter Hall, 1918 Grove Street regardless of action taken at the last meeting to make only one meeting a month necessary. No change in our Constitution and By-Laws becomes effective until it has been passed upon by the International Union and such authorization has not been and probably will not be received prior to this meeting.

RAYMOND R. COLLIVER,
Secretary-Treasurer

SHIPYARD LABORERS 886

HARRY MILLER SAYS . . .

That Labor's busiest League for Political Education was really busy last week.

That during the week hearings started before the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee on H. R. 4190.

That if H. R. 4190 is passed 30,000 West Coast Shipyard Workers will be kept busy by the allocation of sufficient ships to maintain them in their jobs. Most are agreed things look better for a revival of West Coast Shipbuilding than at any time since immediate Post War reconversion days.

That on Monday night R. J. "Ray" Brennan Committee Chairman and O. K. Mitchell, Secretary-Treasurer of the Local appeared before the Richmond City Council. As a result, the Council by unanimous action dispatched telegrams to Washington requesting passage of H. R. 4190.

That Bob Lee, a council member, in addition to serving as President of the Northern California District Council of Laborers, is an example of the advantage labor leagues may enjoy when they wake up and elect more of their kind to council posts —Bob is a friend indeed.

That Bob Ash responded readily to H. L. (Harry) Miller's plea and sent similar telegrams in the name of Alameda Central Labor Council. Bob has always responded to worthy moves.

That similar telegrams went out from Mayor Smith, and representatives of the San Francisco Labor Council and Union Labor Party.

That A. F. Bartholomew, Business Representative, is expected back soon. He has been engaged in discussing the new wage agreement with the employers in Santa Barbara.

That HB 3106, the bill to repeal the sales tax on shipbuilding is on third reading in the assembly.

That things in General are looking up for the members of local 886.

STROKES FROM THE BRUSH OF LOCAL 127

By HUGHIE RUTLEDGE

The following brothers on the sick list at the present time: Hugh Calloway, Walter Davisson, E. H. Fullmer, Oren L. Ferguson, Emil Falk, Howard Hafften, H. C. Harris, Morrell Harris, Charles Hoffman, Virgil Johnson, C. R. Mansir, Louis Marzoline, Vincent Monzo, J. C. McAdams, Roy Parman, Bruce L. Paul, Ray Shearer, Charles Stillwell, Gust Strom, Harold Tarp, Clarence Valentine, George Valentine, Dave Wilhelm.

One of the most frequently asked questions regarding our new health and hospital insurance plan is whether a member who has been on the sick list prior to June 1 is eligible for the benefits. The answer is no in this case. A member must be employed after the first day of June in order to be eligible. However the plan does not eliminate the benefits for a pre-existing condition. For instance supposing a member had been treated for ulcers of the stomach for the past several years but was able to go to work since June 1, then had another attack of ulcers. He would be eligible for full benefits because he had been on a payroll subsequent to June 1.

The same would apply to rheumatism. A man may have been treated for the past 10 years for this disease but if it had cleared up enough to permit a man to work on any day since June 1 then in the event of another attack of rheumatism he would be eligible to full benefits, regardless of the fact that he had been treated for this sickness previously. In other words you are entitled to full benefits for any sickness providing that you were on a payroll on June 1 or any other day thereafter.

We are having no difficulty with the plan where the brothers call into the office as soon as they are sick. We have had some difficulty where we have not been notified and where the brothers take it on their own without notifying us. Again we request the brothers for their own welfare to notify this office at any time you are unable to work on account of any disability.

Plans are progressing nicely for our annual picnic to be held on Sunday July 17 at Linda Vista Park near Mission San Jose. Have you made plans to be there? A fine time is assured all who attend this gala affair.

Nominations for officers for the coming year were held last Thursday with elections to be held Thursday June 23. This will be a special called meeting for the purpose of acting on important matters along with the election of officers. All brothers are urged to attend this special meeting.

Don't be surprised if you see the Business Representative drive up in a new car. Brother (Tiny) Breakfield has just purchased a brand new Chrysler which has all the attachments except hot and cold running water. Brother Curley Rhue left Saturday for vacation in Montana. Don't forget the picnic and the special meeting.

'WATCH IT' WITH WATCHMAKERS

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

It became necessary for the union to request the San Francisco Labor Council for strike sanction against Farbers Jewelers, 33 Grant Avenue, San Francisco. Farbers recently changed from an upstairs retail jewelers, located in the Phelan Bldg., to their street floor location at the above mentioned address. One of our members is located in Farbers' new store. It seems that Farbers desire all of the conveniences of an employe without assuming the responsibilities therein.

I am sorry to report that the recent attempt to bring our union and the Sacramento Watchmakers Union together will not materialize at this time. International Vice President, Richard Parino, spoke at a special meeting in Sacramento called for the purpose of discussing the possibilities of the Sacramento Watchmakers Local joining with us. The information I have received was that Vice President Parino did not favor the idea, therefore the local voted to retain its own identity. Just why the International Vice President cannot see the advantages the watchmakers in Northern California can obtain through one large union with the same wages and working conditions, is difficult to understand. I should think the International representative could acomplish more good for the Watchmakers in Northern California by spending as much time and money in the Los Angeles area working on the problem of organizing the watchmakers in that area. I am satisfied that with one union in Northern California, the watchmakers' problem could be very well taken care of without any expense to the International.

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Union Teachers

By FRED CLAYSON

SCHOOL VACATION SEASON IS HERE

Summer vacation is here for the schools, and this column will be discontinued until they take up again in the early part of September.

In the past several months we have tried to give the reader some idea of why teachers' unions are formed, what keeps them going, and some of our main interests.

Always in the background of whatever we do there is the realization that we are not just out for ourselves.

Basically we are, along with all other unionized workers, joined together for the general welfare of working people—to help protect their rights and to work for social progress.

As regards our particular occupation of teaching we are trying to do whatever we can to benefit the schools. Often general improvement of conditions of work which we attempt to secure for ourselves are passed along to the students so that in working for ourselves we are at the same time working for students' welfare; for instance, in such matters as democratic school operation, good pay and high standards of teaching, reasonable class size, modernization of schools in organization and building programs.

So long for a while, dear reader. The California State Federation of Teachers, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor through our national organization, The American Federation of Teachers, appreciates your interest, and we hope that when we resume this column in September you will continue to read it.

If any of our readers should write to us in care of this newspaper during the summer vacation we will be glad to hear from you.

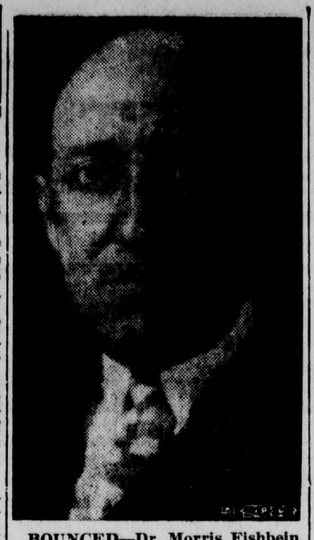
CARPENTERS' AUXILIARY No. 160

Carpenters Ladies Auxiliary No. 160 held their regular executive meeting at the home of Aline Haake. Those who enjoyed the delicious luncheon served by the hostess were President Jean Kinney, Esther Dedman, Diana Holder, Nathalie Stenling, Mary Nall, Flo Bartalini, Agnes Elzig. Mae Bristow came in time for the meeting. Aline is doing some changing in her home and when finished will be very nice. Many things of interest were suggested by the officers present and wil be taken up at our next meeting.

The regular social night was a real party enjoyed by all. Motion pictures taking us on a trip through the South Sea Isles and also through Ireland were really a treat. The scenery was beautiful in both pictures. They are educational as well as lovely. After the pictures refreshments were served and then games were played. As it was election night for the men some of the ladies had quite a wait for their menfolks. Games helped pass the time. Altogether it was a very pleasant evening.

Our president Jean Kinney and Monroe, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Saturday night. About fifty of their relatives gathered in Oakland from up and down the state to help celebrate. The affair was held in the Metropolitan Club as the homes could not take care of so many. We wish for Jean and Monroe as many years of happy married life as they have had already. Jean and Monroe are an ideal couple. It is good to know them.

I am sorry to report that Vertie Newman is not so well. Annie Elvin



BOUNCED—Dr. Morris Fishbein, who has served the American Medical Association long and well in its campaign against national health legislation, has been retired from his various important jobs in the organization. The brutal firing has been chalked-up as a last-minute attempt by AMA to find a scapegoat in a losing battle against Truman's health program.—(LPA)

Warning Put Out Against 'State Labor News' by Better Business Bureau

Better Business Bureau Release

Over $10,000 from the advertising budgets of local business firms has been spent in the last three months as a result of the activities of high pressure "boiler room" advertising salesmen. Here's the story!

The County and City News, subject of previous Bureau bulletins is still using its "boiler room" technique in soliciting advertising from local businessmen. Almost without exception, Bureau inquirers have been under the impression that, in placing advertising with this publication, they were in one way or another "helping out the boys in the City Hall," or contributing toward the benefit of County or City employes and/or their associations. Some have complained that they felt they were being intimidated into purchasing such advertising.

County and City News has no connection whatsoever with the County or City Hall other than by virtue of its name. It is a privately owned venture of one Jack Harris (not to be confused with Jack A. Harris, B.B.B. Manager) and all proceeds benefit either Jack Harris and/or his advertising solicitors and employes. There are only two official City and County employe papers. These publications solicit their advertising directly and do not employ collectors, but bill their advertisers after publication.

Similarly, many businessmen are being solicited by another "boiler room" operation known as the State Labor News. This publication, as far as we are able to determine, is owned by one Charles E. Rudman (former associate of the above-mentioned Jack Harris). Inquiries about this publication advise us that solicitors imply that the paper has AFL sanction. According to Robert S. Ash, Secretary, Central Labor Council of Alameda County, this publication has no official connection with the AFL. We are informed by an official statement from AFL headquarters that their publication does not solicit advertising by telephone.

HOLLYWOODERS Dalton Trumbo and Howard Lawson, screen writers accused of contempt of Congress for failure to answer the question whether or not they are Communists, must answer the question, the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Washington has ruled. The three-man court ruled unanimously that it is hard to imagine "any more pertinent question" than the one the writers refused to answer. It is expected the case will go to the U. S. Supreme Court.

Much News of Many People!

ILWU OFFER to work some of the ships tied up in the six-week Hawaii longshore strike was rejected by the plantation owners, on the ground that there were "too many strings tied to it." Union said it showed employers weren't really worried about supplies being cut off from the islands, but just wanted to use that line of talk for propaganda purposes.

UC LOYALTY OATH all right as far as it goes, says State Senator Tenney, but thinks it should have been stronger. The oath was cooked up by the Regents, says President Sproul, who alleges he didn't have anything to do with framing it. It will have to be taken by all faculty members.

BAY BRIDGE CONTROVERSY was treated at length by Drew Pearson's column in S. F. Chronicle Saturday, but on that same day the Post Enquirer ran the same column, but cut out all references to the Bay Bridge dispute. Pearson told how Congressmen Miller, Welch, and Havenner were backing the southern crossing, and cited President Truman's support of the southern crossing. Welch was quoted as saying the main support for the parallel bridge came from "Oakland business interests." **(Editor's Note: As we've pointed out before, this is a very mixed-up controversy. The Building Trades Council here strongly advocates the parallel bridge.)**

S. F.-OAKLAND NEWS GUILD membership has ratified an agreement with the publishers of five Bay Area dailies calling for wage increases of from $2 to $5 a week, retroactive to January 27. The CIO union had recently voted to strike if necessary to win retroactivity and other demands. **(Editor's Note: The Oakland Tribune, which has a company union in the editorial department, usually meets the terms of each new Guild contract, the management assuring the gutless scabs that they don't need a union.)**

POLIO CASES in California during 1948 led the nation in number, says annual report of National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, which is supported by the March of Dimes drive, strongly backed by East Bay labor unions. There were 5856 cases reported in the State during the year.

FOUR WERE INJURED, according to daily press reports, in a fracas following a meeting of Tool and Die Makers Local 1176, at which the case of Leon Kaplin, recently tried by the union for alleged leftist affiliations, was discussed. The four injured by blows on face and body were: Elmer Johnson, William D. Lang, Walter Schwartz, and Richard Eldridge.

FROZEN MEAT sale writ of prohibition sought by the AFL Butchers Union in Los Angeles was denied by State Supreme Court. The unions wished to proceed with the execution of agreements preventing sale of frozen meats at hours when butchers are not at work. A Los Angeles Superior Court Judge had issued a restraining order against the butchers. In S. F. the Butchers Union failed to persuade the Board of Supervisors to refrain from amending an ordinance so that frozen meat can be sold at hours when the butchers are not at work.

HARRY BRIDGES may be refused admtitance by Australia if the U. S. decides to deport him, suggests Shawn Moosekian in the Oakland Tribune, and if this happens, "Bridges will be free to roam the U. S. A. as whimsy dictates . . . for our present deportation laws say we must ship an unwanted alien back to the country from whence he came." Moosekian points out that the Labor Government of Australia doesn't love leftists.

LONGSHORE HIRING HALL operations for the Oakland-S. F. area must be improved, says the report of a special investigating committee of the CIO Longshoremen's Union. The committee asks for another try of the "low man out" system, under which dock workers who have worked the fewest hours in a given week get the first chance at available jobs the next week. International President Harry Bridges endorses the report.

NAT YANISH, owner of a furniture store in Oakland, and formerly advertising manager of the Communist People's World, is one of seven alleged Bay Area Communists now facing renewed hearings for deportation as "undesirable aliens." The U. S. Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization is conducting the investigation.

SENATORS DOWNEY, KNOWLAND both voted against a proposal to increase the appropriation for international information and educational activities of the State Department in the Senate recently. **(Editor's Note: Downey, Democrat, and Knowland, Republican, also work closely together to help the DiGiorgio-PG&E crowd wreck the Central Valley Project.)**

SENATOR DOWNEY was the Flag Day speaker at ceremonies sponsored by the Elks in Golden Gate Park, S. F. The Senator said that the American way of life is "the best in the world," and that "an American need not fear to criticize his public officials." **(Editor's Note: And as long as the Senator works hand in glove with the DiGiorgio outfit and the PG&E to hamstring the Central Valley Project, we know of one public official we're not going to be afraid to criticize!)**

TAXI RATE INCREASE in S. F. was approved by the Board of Supervisors after a hearing at which the DeSoto Company contended it would be better to leave rates as they are, but the Yellow held out for higher rates. Tony Cancilla, speaking for the AFL Chauffeurs, approved the higher fares. The meter minimum will be raised from the present 25 cents to 30, the DeSoto meterless rate for the first mile from the present 50 to 55 cents, and the long-haul rate on both types from the present $1.35 to $1.50.

Luncheon Given in Honor Of Two Union Employes Leaving Labor Temple

A luncheon was given Thursday, June 9, at the Virginian, in honor of the two office employes who are leaving the Labor Temple this week.

Ray Belknap, who has been employed in the office of Sign and Pictorial Painters Local 878, and is retiring to "home life," and Lora Onken who has been employed for several years with Laborers Local 304.

Twenty-five girls of the Labor Temple attended the luncheon, including Kay Casey and Meta Weik, both of whom left recently to take over the full-time job of caring for their homes and families, and Mrs. Minola Riely, Ray's mother, and Marian Littlefield employed at Printing Pressmen Local 125.

Ray was presented with a bathinet, baby-record-book, and a complete tray set of tiny toiletries; Lora received several ounces of perfume complete with a beautiful atomizer. Both girls wore orchids which were presented to them at the beginning of the luncheon.

Those present were:

Ray Belknap, Mrs. Minola Riley, Laura Onken, Eriz Riley, Marion Littlefield, Evelyn Foos, Ray Lewicki, Anges Strehlo, Beth McIntosh, Mona LeVey, Mary Hanavan, Barbara Jewell, Evelyn Marks, Marge Simmons, Verna Eliason, LaVerne Bradley, Kay Vodopich, LaVora Roberts, Blanche Baker, Evelyn Tanzillo, Joe Pritchard, Eileen Collins, Kay Casey, Meta Weik, Merle Wallace.

Cannery Workers Vote on Contract

Members of 17 Cannery Workers' locals affiliated with the AFL Teamsters were voting this week on a proposed new agreement with California Processors and Growers, Inc.

Hal P. Angus, secretary of the AFL State Council of Cannery Unions, told The Labor Journal that the proposed agreement had been recommended by the smaller negotiating committee, and by the larger committee, and passed on to the 65,000 members as an endorsed proposition.

Hourly wage rates remain as they are, but six paid holidays are provided for, and standy pay is made part of the contract, with improvements in seniority regulations.

The proposed agreement affects 75 fruit and vegetable canning and freezing plants.

Men With Union Cards at McNutt's New Location

McNutt's opened Wednesday at their new location at 18th and Telegraph Ave. under the management of the two well known partners Jimmy Sawtelle and Frankie Fuller. Both partners have been in the men's furnishing business in Oakland for many years. They formerly operated McNutt's at 13th and Broadway where they made many friends among union members.

Both are union members themselves and have been for many years. Sawtelle says that he can't whistle Yankee Doodle now but still likes to think back about 25 years when he was a member of the Musicians' Union and was learning to play the banjo by plunking out "The World is Waiting for the Sunrise." He has also been a member of the Boilermakers and Retail Clerks. Fuller is a coppersmith by trade carrying his card in Local 438 of the Coppersmiths Union.

Both partners are now concentrating on giving uptown shoppers a good spot to shop for men's furnishings at reasonable prices and they invite all their old friends to drop in and see them.

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Congressman Allen Again Gets Coy About Telling Exactly How He Voted

Following is the twelfth newsletter of Congressman John J. Allen, Jr., to his constituents:
Dear Constituent:

Newsletter 12. This is baseball weather. On Friday the Democrats in the House played the Republicans. The game is to send underprivileged children to summer camp. A year ago we raised over $5,000. The Republicans claimed that the Democrats and Dixiecrats should have played off first. I won't mention who beat the Republicans.

On June 2 the House passed a bill to amend the Displaced Persons Act. The basic number is raised from 200,000 to 300,000. A provision is included that no person should be admitted who would displace another in either employment or housing. The so-called cut-off date would be changed from December 22, 1945, to January 1, 1949, which was the date in the House bill a year ago. This change will please those who thought that there was discrimination.

We also passed a pension bill. The vote was 365 to 27. The bill revised existing law and enacted some provisions which have existed as regulations. It raised permissible income from $1,000 to $1,200. The House refused to take an amendment that veterans over 65 should be required to prove themselves unemployable. Most personal insurance policies and retirement laws assume that a person will be becoming unemployable. This was the view which the House took.

The House approved the compromise version of the Commodity Credit Act. It passed a resolution that the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee should conduct investigations in 15 fields of inquiry. This work will probably keep me busy during some of the recess—where, I don't know. The Senate passed the Home Rule bill for the District of Columbia. It now takes up the labor-management question.

The Merchant Marine Committee has been considering a long range Merchant Marine program. It is a technical subject. Involved is my bill to obtain minimum allocations of shipbuilding to each of the coasts. During the last few days I have been working with Ed Rowan, J. A. Brownlow and Maywood Boggs of the Metal Trades Department of the AFL, with representatives of the shipping industry and with other Congressmen, particularly Mr. Jackson of Washington, to coordinate the presentation of ideas before the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee.

Another month has passed. The Congressional Record is up to 10,722 pages. 7723 measures have been introduced. 82 are public and 76 are private laws. The House has had 105 roll calls. I have missed only two—while I was seeing the Marine demonstration at Quantico. In the field of major legislation, the Calendar still lists only two laws and one appropriation bill signed. Five appropriation bills, however, are now past the Senate.

Quite a few people have come through, Neal and Isabel Haggard from Berkeley, Ralph Lorimer of Piedmont, Walter Frates of the Port of Oakland, Howard Waldorf of Oakland Chamber of Commerce and Alex L. Arguello of San Francisco. Another news item—Carol and I had dinner home alone on June 1.

The temporary construction offices are completed. We suspect that the House will be moved to a temporary meeting room so that repairs to the roof of the House Chamber may begin. There will be no galleries for Congressmen to talk to. Someone said we would adjourn early—no Congress would continue to meet under such circumstances.

Regards,
JOHN J. ALLEN, JR.

(Editor's News: Last week our headlines on the Piedmont Republican's newsletter was: "Congressman Allen Comes Out of the Bushes, Tells How He Votes!" But now he's gone back into hiding. He does give a hint how he voted on the pension bill, though he doesn't come right out and say it. But as for the other bills he mentions on which votes were taken, he's resumed, in his newsletter, that seat on the grandstand where he writes as if he were just a spectator in on a free pass.)

Jurs of Taxpayers Assn. Says County Wages High Enough

Proposals affecting labor in various ways have been made to the Board of Supervisors by Eugene E. Jurs, president of the Alameda County Taxpayers Associations. Following are extracts from a press release sent out by the organization:

That Alameda County salaries are not lagging behind the rest of the Bay Area was made clear, Jurs indicated, by a recent Joint Wage and Salary Survey of Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo and San Francisco Counties which revealed that the majority of the positions here carry comparable or greater salaries than similar jobs in both government and private industry in the other counties.

Release of the letter followed closely the recent announcement of the supervisors' approval of $178,776 in salary increases and new jobs. . . .

A reduction of the $1,854,000 budget estimate for indigent aid to not more than $1,500,000—$100,000 more than the estimated cost of the current relief load was also urged. To help keep within this amount, Jurs suggested a permanent work project, with three benefits:

1—Discouraging chronic indigents and reducing emigrant cases;

2—Providing a better rehabilitation plan than straight dole.

3—County benefit from improvements.

The Board was also asked to review new construction and alteration costs, considering recent building cost declines, since even a 5% drop—the most modest estimate, according to the Association—would save hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Boilermakers Ready to Take on the Commies

MONTREAL, Quebec (LPA) — long-smoldering differences between the AFL and the leadership of the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress broke out anew during the recent convention here of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers-AFL.

The Trades and Labor Congress is the central body of AFL unions in the Dominion. Some time ago, the AFL Executive Council called upon the Congress to curb the infiltration of Communists into the organization. Also, a group within the Congress has been spearheading a fight to dislodge the "Reds."

At the Boilermakers' convention, President A. J. MacGowan revealed that his union has "ceased paying per capita taxes to the Trades and Labor Congress until it has purged itself of Communist infiltration as directed by the AFL Executive Council."

MacGowan said this decision was reached because "we didn't want the money of our international used to foster Communism." This statement brought immediate repercussions. Officials of the Trades and Labor Congress threatened legal action against MacGowan if he didn't withdraw the charge that the Congress was spending funds to "foster Communism."

MacGowan was undisturbed by the threat. "If somebody in Canada wants to start a lawsuit," he said, "well, they had better take in the whole AFL while they are at it."

Smith and Parrish Tell Compensation Disputes' History

Following is the Workmen's Compensation News Letter prepared by Joseph E. Smith and William Shannon Parrish, attorneys, for members of the Workmen's Compensation Insurance Plan:

Members have been coming in with so many problems that we missed a News Letter last month—so, maybe we will make this one a little longer.

We tried an interesting case for a member of Glass Blowers' Union who works for Owens-Illinois Glass Company. She was struck on the left breast by an empty carton weighing two or three pounds, and a lump subsequently developed. The company doctor took care of the condition under an employes' health plan. She was subsequently released by the doctor and told that her condition was not industrial. After a hearing before the Industrial Accident Commission, we were able to obtain an award providing for back compensation for this girl, from the time of her release from work and an award providing for further compensation and medical treatment.

A member of Painters' Local 40 is richer by $4,560.00. Brother V. M. had a fall and as a result, suffered certain permanent disability. He had been paid $900.00 in temporary disability and we were able to get him a permanent rating of 38%, which entitled him to a total payment of $5,460.00.

Brother K. K. of the Iron Workers' Union received a permanent disability rating equivalent to $5,040.00 for wrist injuries. Brother K. was very pleased with the award.

Brother H. H. of Painters' Union 127 injured his elbow in 1947 and received compensation until April, 1948. At that time he had to go into a hospital for other causes unrelated to his injury.

It subsequently developed that an operation was needed for his elbow condition. The insurance company contended that as he was disabled from other causes and was in the hospital for purposes unrelated to his injury, that he should not be paid weekly Workmen's Compensation benefits. We contended to the contrary and the Commission held with us and awarded temporary compensation at the rate of $30.00 a week from November 9, 1948 (the date of the operation) to the present time, and indefinitely thereafter.

An important decision was obtained for a member of the Sheet Metal Workers 126 involving the Statute of Limitation under the Federal Harbor Workers and Longshoremen's Act. This brother did not file a claim for compensation until two years after the date of the accident. Under the Federal Act you must file for compensation one year from the date compensation became due, or one year from the last payment.

The Federal Act has a 7-day waiting period—similar to the State Act—and as this man lost only a day now and then, it was our contention that no compensation was due until after the man was off work a total of seven days and as that time occurred within a year of the filing of the claim for compensation, we were within the year's statutory period. The Commission held with our reasoning and an award was made in favor of this gentleman.

An appeal has been taken to the United States District Court by the insurance company in this case.

Another interesting sidelight is that the man had been requested by the doctor to take two weeks vacation while he was complaining of his injury and **the award provided for compensation during this two-week period**—in addition to his regular vacation pay.

A member of the Laborers Union was injured due to the negligence of a third party other than the employer in the course of his work. While we are getting this man his weekly benefits under the Workmen's Compensation Act, we are planning on bringing a suit in the State Superior Court to recover additional money for this brother from the negligent third party.

Upper Brackets

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Top brass at General Motors Corp. received $46,207,444 in salaries and bonuses last year, the Securities and Exchange Commission reports. Number one was GM President Charles E. Wilson ($516,000). Runners up were Wilson's little helpers: Albert Bradley ($441,274) and Marvin E. Coyle ($440,999).



75 YEARS A UNION MEMBER—Louis De Witt, who completed his apprenticeship as a printer and joined Chicago Typographical Union No. 16 in 1874, receives from President John J. Pilch a diamond-studded gold button signifying three quarters of a century as a trade unionist. De Witt, who is 95 years old, has been a union pensioner since 1920. Local union was chartered in 1852, two years before De Witt was born. Till autumn of 1947 it never had been on strike against Chicago dailies. Since that time its members have been on picket lines in front of Chicago Tribune, Herald-American, Sun-Times, Journal of Commerce, Daily News and Defender. Strike-bound newspapers have used Taft-Hartley law against printers, and union has operated for more than fourteen months under duress of "temporary" Taft-Hartley injunction. "Scabs would pay nothing to maintain our pension, Union Printers Home, mortuary or other funds," says President Pilch in explaining why printers, after 18 months on strike still refuse to accept publishers' terms which would enable newspapers to discriminate against union members. Newspapers' costs have mounted and their circulation declined since printers walked out.

Superintendent Seidel Thanks Labor Journal For Aid to Schools

Editor, Labor Journal:

Just a word to let you know how much I appreciate your printing the various releases that are sent out from my office.

We follow this practice because we feel that the public is entitled to have this information, and we realize that unless it is gathered and reported by us, it is practically impossible for the various papers to obtain it. We are anxious to let the people know that there are certain activities going on in the educational field and feel that if the people are advised of this activity they will eventually give as much support to this office as is given to some of the other offices which are more in the public's eye.

I suppose we are biased, but we think the boys and girls of Alameda County are the most valuable asset and the greatest potential in the county. Judging from the support that labor has given to education, I have every reason to believe that they feel the same way.

Thanks again for your constant cooperation.

Sincerely,
VAUGHN D. SEIDEL

DP Bill Passes House

WASHINGTON (LPA)—Some of the restrictions imposed by the Republican 80th Congress on the entrance of displaced persons into the U. S. would be lifted by the revised DP bill passed by the House recently. Senate action on the bill is not expected this session, however.

Sky-high Profits Proved By Government Agency

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Confirmation of the fact that U. S. industry made the highest profits ever in 1948 was provided by the official reports of the Securities and Exchange Commission, which showed manufacturing corporations made $11.5 billions in profits after taxes, a 14% increase over 1947.

Smaller corporations didn't do as well as the big fellows, and the producers' goods industries showed the increases in profits while most consumers' goods industries showed the declines, SEC pointed out.

In addition to the sky-high profits, corporations had written off a lot of debts, SEC pointed out, citing the fact that the ratio of cash and government securities to current liabilities, "which is one rough measure of corporate liquidity, amounted to 78% at the end of 1948, compared with 83% at the end of the preceding year." Again, the biggest industrial corporations had written off the larger part of the debts.

Here are some examples of the profits increases between the third and fourth quarters of 1948:

Transportation equipment other than motor vehicles—profits up 61%.

Primary iron and steel—profits up 32%.

Electrical machinery—profits up 29.%.

Primary non-ferrous metals—profits up 22%.

And here are some of the declines in profits between the third and fourth quarters of 1948:

Apparel—profits down 67%.

Printing and publishing—profits down 40%.

Leather and lumber—both down 35%.

Workers Here Fail To Apply for U. S. Old Age Payments

U. S. Govt. Release

Some workers in this area are losing old-age insurance payments because they delay in filing applications. Victor C. Broome, manager of the Oakland field office of the Social Security Administration, said today.

"Two questions often asked by older workers indicate misunderstanding about the old-age and survivors insurance program," Broome said. "The answers to these questions may mean dollars in your pocket."

Question: Can a worker start drawing benefits as soon as he reaches age 65?

Answer: He can if he has worked long enough to qualify and is no longer working regularly in jobs that come under social security. He may receive a benefit for any month in which he does not earn more than $14.99 in such work.

Question: Do workers age 65 or over have to retire pemanently before filing a claim?

Answer: No. After you are 65, if you should stop working for a while because of sickness, a lay-off, or any other reason, get in touch with the Oakland social security office. You may be eligible for benefits during the months you are temporarily not working. Even if you plan to work regularly after you reach 65, it is a good idea to inquire at the social security office. It may prevent your losing benefits which you have earned.

The federal old-age and survivors insurance office for this area is located in Room 201, Post Office Building, Oakland.

Keep Rent Control

EL DORADO, Ark. (LPA) — A turnout of oil workers, rail unionists and AFL unionists including carpenters helped to stem the tide at a public hearing held by the city council here on a landlord petition for decontrol of all rents.

This is one of the few cases where landlords have not had their way under the new rent control law, which makes lifting of rent controls mandatory if the local or state governing body approved the decontrol.

Independent Paper Saved

WASHINGTON (LPA) — The town of Flora, Ill., population 6000, will still have a bi-weekly paper free of business domination, as a result of the action of President Dan Tracy of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers-AFL. The international has offered to loan money with no strings attached to Charles Crowder and the Flora Sentinel, which was almost bought out secretly by anti-union businessmen in the community.

ARBITRATOR SAM KAGEL settled in 90 minutes a dispute about methods of loading a ship at Oakland, making the decision right on the dock.

Inside News . . .

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report on social night. We are very sorry to hear this as Vertie has held up so well under a long period of strain. We hope for a speedy recovery for her.

No other sickness has been reported. Bert Shumake goes on about the same. Perhaps we can find some way to let Bert know we are thinking of him and to cheer him up. Some way to really help. Any suggestions will be welcome.

Mary Nall is busy right now as she has two of her grandchildren visiting her and will have them for about a month. Mary enjoys the children and will have a wonderful time while they are here.

Please remember to phone in any news or report any sickness to your press correspondent and your president.

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MAE A. BRISTOW,
Press Correspondent

PRINTERS' AUXILIARY No. 26

There will be a card party of the Women's Auxiliary, Oakland Typographical Union, 8 p.m., Saturday, June 25, at the new Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez, on the main floor.

Tickets at door, 50 cents including refreshments and prizes.

LABOR TEMPLE AUXILIARY

The Labor Temple Women's Auxliary held their first meeting since installation in the New Labor Temple on June 7, with 34 members present. We initiated 6 new members. We hope they will attend all meetings and join our sewing club. You will like our sewing club, President Inez Wager, also its members.

Much praise was given the new oficers for their fine work. Many of our members were out of town over Decoration Day. They all seemed to have had a good time. Our sewing club will postpone sewing until September 6 when we hope to see many of the sisters. Come along and see what good times we have.

Our sewing club is having a luncheon at Villa De La Paix Wednesday 15. Edna and William Paterson will help celebrate their daughter's 20th anniversary this week. Have fun, you Patersons.

Dell Gibson's daughter is home from the hospital and Bessie Hunt's brother is in the hospital. Good health to you both!

Rosemary Padfield entertained the Past Presidents Club at her home. I understand Chinese food was served. Wish I were a Past President. June 28, the Past Presidents Club will entertain our new Past President, Naomi Vercelli at at a luncheon at Spengers Fish Grotto.

Come out, you members and help us all have a good meeting and a good time. Our next meeting will be July 5.

The birthdays for July are:

Martha Pictall, July 4—3435 San Leandro St., Oakland.

Estelle Kerins, July 16—2110 Webster St., Oakland.

Clarissa Tompson, July 19—722 21st St., Oakland.

Lucille Fara, July 26—920 E. 17th St., Oakland.

CLARA BURNETT,
Recording Secretary

Custom Car Designed by Oakland Man to Be Shown

Auto Show Release

An exhibit expected to create much interest at the International Auto Show in the Exposition Building starting June 21 is the custom car designed and built by Pierre Paul. Only 24 years old, Paul is an Oakland man who gives promise of receiving recognition in the field of automotive design for the bay area.

Paul has spent months working on the car and feels it will compare favorably with some of the more expensive foreign custom jobs as well as representative American standard and custom displays from other parts of the United States.

The International Auto Show will run six days—from Tuesday, June 21, through Sunday, June 26. Doors wil be open daily from 1 p.m. until 10 p.m.

Hits Press Corruption

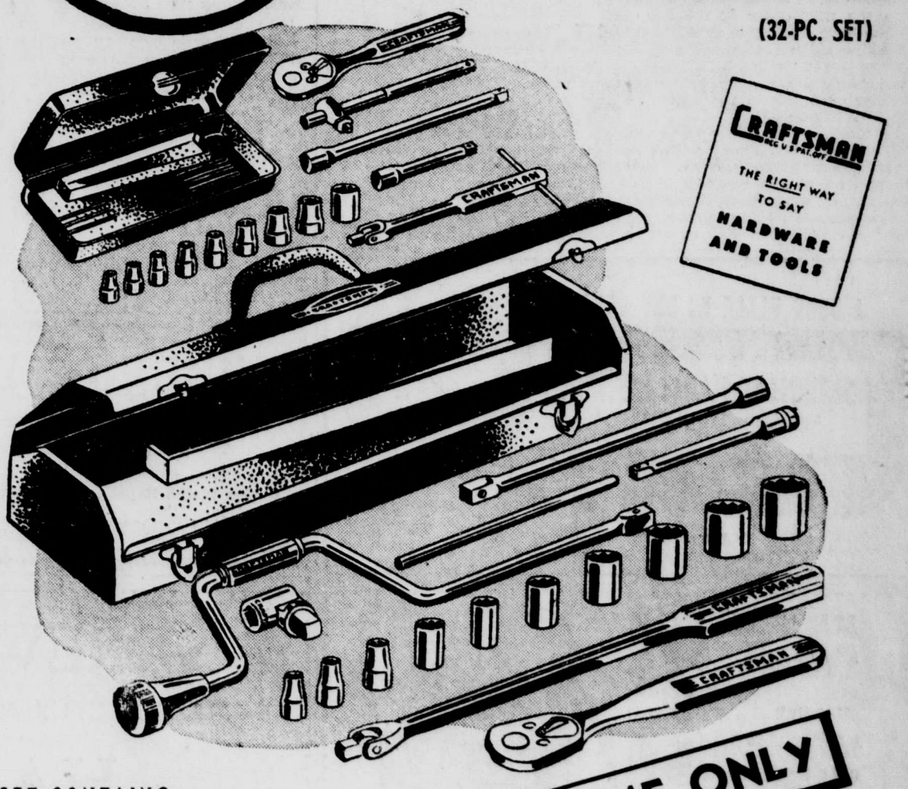
NEW YORK (LPA)—The union of working newspapermen—American Newspaper Guild-CIO—this week condemned the acceptance of state money by Illinois newspaper owners and executives under the Republican regime of Governor Dwight Green. The American Newspaper Publishers' Association is "investigating" the payments, but has refused to condemn the "sugaring" of the press.

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Petrillo Leaves for East After Shaving Off John L.'s Eyebrows

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work with this bunch of thieves."

Petrillo read a letter dated 1937 which the Musicians' Federation had written the predecessor union to AGVA offering assistance in helping it organize acts appearing with union bands. That, he said, was evidence enough of early musicians' cooperation, but now, said Petrillo: "We are going to stop this raiding at the outset because we won't give ground to a bunch of thieves who are now trying to muscle in. I say to them, if you know what is good for you, brother—back up, back up!"

WARNS OF RAIDS

He closed his discussion of the jurisdictional dispute by instructing delegates to inform all AFM Locals of any attempt by AGVA to raid in their respective territories and to inform him immediately.

After reading a greeting from the President, Petrillo turned his attention to the political situation, calling for thankfulness that Harry Truman was elected President last fall. He directed his remarks to the Democratic party's fair weather friends:

"I wonder why some of our labor lenders saw fit to desert a party that was so kind and good to labor."

He recalled that at two Democratic conventions at which he voted to nominate Roosevelt labor leaders were much in evidence; in 1948, "I was practically alone as a labor leader." They and the politicians all thought the party would lose.

He pointed out the debt owed the Democrats; in 1933 the AFL had 2,500,000 members, in 1948, 8 million—all gained "during a liberal, Democratic administration". The CIO could not have organized without the Wagner act, passed by that liberal Democratic administration. Today the CIO has six million members.

FDR LAUDED

Petrillo characterized Roosevelt "as the greatest business agent the labor movement ever had". Today, he continued, "we have a man who is going all the way out for labor".

Returning to the election theme, he said, "I would rather go down with the party that was good to the labor movement, than go on and win with a party that would slip labor down to where they think labor should be".

"The Republicans united labor—at least most of labor—in politics," he said. "The handwriting is on the wall if we don't unite".

He reported that he stayed on as a delegate to last fall's AFL Convention to the end, to convince his fellow delegates that labor should stay in politics "for ever, if necessary". He noted that adequate resolutions were passed at that convention, but that since then a majority of AFL international unions had failed to implement them.

In passing, he blamed labor for worrying more about the appointment of an Assistant Secretary of Labor than the repeal of Taft-Hartley. "We never had a better friend", he said, "in the office of the Secretary of Labor than Tobin".

SOME RACKETEERS

He frankly admitted that there have been racketeers in labor, but held out against the philosophy of punishing all labor therefore. In any event, he noted, "the difference between labor racketeers and crooked politicians is that when a labor man gets caught, he goes in the can".

He assailed Senator Taft as representative of the Republican philosophy that would have prevailed if Dewey had won. Taft he described ironically as "That great humanitarian".

Election day was the answer, he pointed out. If the Republicans had won the first order of the day it would have been the appointment of a Republican attorney general with orders to "indict, indict, indict" until "we'd have gone broke defending ourselves in the courts".

TAFT ATTACKED

In tones steeped in sarcasm, Petrillo described Senator Taft as "that great humanitarian". Taft warns us that if we return to the Wagner act, we go back to machine guns—operated by labor goons.

Petrillo recited a list of strike clashes in which workers had been injured and killed and said he couldn't remember that a single employer had ever died in this kind of strike, or even gone to the hospital. He mentioned the recent knifing in New York City of an organizer for the International Ladies Garment Workers Union which he said had been described by the Garment Workers President as the act of employer-hired thugs.

"Taft says labor is better off today than it ever has been", Petrillo reminded. He then quoted Labor Department statistics revealing that of the 53 millions who paid taxes, some 26 millions earned less than $1,750 a year in wages.

"No, Mr. Taft" shouted Petrillo, "the way to help people is from the bottom up, not from the top down".

Petrillo decried the emphasis by some labor leaders on organizing abroad. "Labors organizing job is at home—not Europe. Out of 55 million workers only some 16 million are organized but I'd like to remind you that the American Federation of Musician's is 100 percent organized".

"NEW LABOR BILL"

The musicians chief than referred to the "new labor bill" coming up in Congress and launched into a bitter attack on those he termed as reactionaries in Congress. He criticized Senators Byrd and Ellender by name and declared that any labor bill bearing such co-authorship or support would be "some labor bill!"

The fiery musicians' leader described the Democratic Party Convention's unequivocal repudiation of Taft-Hartley from the close-up of a delegate. Then, recalled Petrillo, there was not a dissenting vote against T-H repeal. But today, he said, the reactionaries of that very party in the Congress have "double crossed their president and the people of America."

"Men of honor", Petrillo said, "don't double cross. Some of the various senators who investigated me asked me if I had ever repudiated a contract and I could answer them, "no, we never broke a contract—whether it written or verbal. Ask the employers if that is the truth."

The musicians' chief said he had far more respect for Taft than for "the reactionary Dixiecrats". At least the Republicans were honest, Petrillo said; they didn't promise things they never intended to perform.

Petrillo closed with what he said was a "personal message" from President Truman to the musicians. He recalled that when he presented the President of the United States with a gold card evidencing his honorary life membership in the AFM, Mr. Truman he was very, very proud and appreciated the opportunity of becoming a member of the Federation. "I would like to say to President Truman now," said Petrillo, "that we are very, very proud to have him as a member; he is the first president of the United States, I believe, to become a member of a labor union."

With a brief thanks to the honor guests and to the delegates for their attention, Petrillo closed his address as the delegates stood and cheered him for several minutes.

Union Mimeo Art

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Good news for locals who publish a mimeographed newspaper or news letter. Liven up your papers with cartoons by an artist (and union member) who is preparing a sketch book exclusively for unions. Ted Sally is your boy and the sketch book is available for $2.50 from the Kentucky Federation of Labor, Department of Research and Education, 312 Armory Place, Louisville, Ky.

AFL Pressures Truman

WASHINGTON (LPA)—Pressure was put on President Truman recently to name "someone else" as chairman of the District of Columbia Public Utilities Commission, by the Central Labor Union here. James H. Flanagan, present chairman, "has shown a special interest in firms in this city which are unfriendly to the members of our organization" the federation asserted.

Union's Economist Chides Government For 'A Rosy Story'

WASHINGTON (LPA) — The Bureau of Labor Statistics was chided for presenting to the world a too-rosy picture of the living standards of American workers.

A few weeks ago, the Bureau published a booklet called "The Gift of Freedom" for circulation and translation abroad to show how workers fare in a democracy. Official figures, the Department said, formed the foundation of the booklet.

Now an economist has come along with the contention that the book overshot the mark. He is E. B. Mittleman, who is on the research staff of the International Association of Machinists, and formerly worked many years for government agencies including the Labor Department.

It's "unfortunate," said Mittleman, that "having a good story to tell, the Bureau could not overcome the temptation to make it too good."

As an example, he said the Bureau described the "American standard of living" in terms of goods and services, and then claimed this standard is "available to more than three-fourths of the families."

"Such a claim flies in the face of the facts and spoils what is otherwise still a bright picture," Mittleman said. "Sixty per cent would be more nearly correct."

Mittleman also challenged the Bureau's assertion that the American living standard "doubled" between 1909 and 1947. "There are no figures on earnings or living costs to make any such showing," he contended. Statistics used by the Bureau don't substantiate its claim of a 100% gain, he said. He argued the advance would be more like 50%.

Mittleman criticized the book on several other counts, and closed up by asserting that, unlike advertising agencies, the government should avoid overstatements. "The best thing, perhaps, is to be as accurate as possible, certainly not to magnify one set of facts at home and another abroad," he said.

Legislator's Anti-Labor Views Are Exposed

ST. LOUIS (LPA)—Organized labor here fought back in an unusual way when one of the state's most reactionary lawmakers — Senator Horace Raymond Williams of Cassville, representing a rural district—took a whack at trade union leaders.

Williams along with other members of the legislature were asked by labor to vote for repeal of two state anti-union laws. Most gave at least a courteous acknowledgment, but Williams replied with a scurrilous attack.

"I am not in favor of turning this government over to a lot of labor leader racketeers," he ranted.

Here's how the St. Louis Labor Tribune, AFL weekly, struck back: It played up Williams' reply on page one, and printed thousands of extra copies for distribution to the senator's constituents. "We want them to know," the Labor Tribune said, "how antagonistic and narrow-minded is their senator in matters pertaining to organized labor."

Labor leaders are confident that a lot of the constituents won't like that kind of talk from their senator.

Labor Scholarships in Oregon Given on June 20

PORTLAND (LPA) — The winners of three $500 scholarships, awarded annually to high school students by labor in the state, will receive their prizes at the Oregon State Federation of Labor convention in Eugene on June 20.

Two of the scholarships were awarded directly by the federation and the third was given by the Oregon Joint Council of Teamsters. All go to high school students.

Written examinations on "Industrial Relations and the History of the American Labor Movement" held in 52 high schools throughout the state drew upwards of 240 students. Judges were some of the state's leading educators.

The winners are: Roderick S. French, La Grande, Alice Maier, Eugene; and Philip Johnson, Salem. Three alternates will receive cash awards of $50 each.



HEALTHY KIDS—The British people may be tiring of austerity, but most Englishmen applaud the Labor government's insistence that children's health is a major responsibility of the community. These kids are getting concentrated orange juice, made in the U. S., through Marshall plan aid.—(LPA)

Machinists' Weekly Says Court's Decision on Boeing Result of T-H

WASHINGTON (LPA) — About two years ago a couple of ex-Rep. Fred Hartley's reactionary pals told him that the Taft-Hartley law was "too mild." Fred replied: "There's more in this bill than meets the eye." That was before he was voted out and replaced by a Democrat from his New Jersey district.

The U. S. Circuit Court which recently nullified the bargaining rights of the International Association of Machinists lodge at the Boeing Airplane factory in Seattle, proved Hartley's statement, declares an editorial in The Machinist.

This circuit court action overruled the unanimous opinion of the NLRB. The board supported IAM. It said that Boeing's 16 months of stalling on negotiations freed the union of the Taft-Hartley obligation of giving 60 days' notice before striking.

The reactionary circuit court, on the other hand, insisted that the T-H provision, plus the no-strike clause in IAM's Boeing contract, made the long notice mandatory.

Boeing's tactics resulted in a strike by 14,500 aeromechanics which lasted nearly five months. It was finally terminated, without a contract, when the NLRB found Boeing guilty of unfair labor practices. The NLRB also ruled all of the machinists had reinstatement rights.

As soon as the court decision was announced lodge President Harold Gibson said that the union is immediately asking for a new NLRB election to regain its bargaining status. Despite attempts during and since the strike to raid the aeromechanics local, he says the union is confident of winning the new ballot.

New Contract is Gained By Woodworkers' Union

PORTLAND (LPA) — Renewing contract talks that had broken off nearly four months ago, the International Woodworkers of America-CIO signed new contracts with seven lumber associations on the west coast.

The new contracts, which affect 40,000 workers, give several categories of workers who've been excluded up to now, extra pay for holiday and night work.

More important, the new contract prevented the lumber men from forming a strike in the industry, as it did the last time prices dropped, for the purpose of curtailing production and keeping up the prices.

IWA President J. E. Fadling said that during the war and reconversion periods the lumber industry had all but priced itself out of the market "in a greedy race for profits."

UPW Ready for a Fight

ESTES PARK, Colo. (LPA)—The United Packinghouse Workers-CIO, completely recovered from the ravages of last year's strike, is ready for another wage drive in the meat packing industry. The union's convention approved a campaign for higher hourly pay to offset reduced work schedules, as well as social security and anti-speed-up demands.

Hayes Becomes New President of IAM On First of July

WASHINGTON (LPA) — It's no surprise, but tellers made it official. A. J. Hayes has been elected president of the International Association of Machinists and will take office July 1.

Hayes, hitherto vice president, was unopposed for the nomination, so his election was assured in advance. The formal announcement that he had won—by acclamation—was made by tellers who completed counting the ballots in the membership referendum on all grand lodge offices.

He will succeed President Harvey W. Brown, veteran leader of the Machinists, who retires in line with the 65-year compulsory retirement rule of the IAM. For the past few years Hayes has been Brown's right hand at headquarters. He is 49 years old.

Others re-elected without opposition included Secretary-Treasurer Eric Peterson and L. O. Thomas, editor of the Machinists' Monthly Journal.

All incumbent vice presidents were also re-elected. They are Joseph L. McBreen, Salt Lake City; Elmer E. Walker, Cleveland; Samuel L. Newman, New York; Roy M. Brown, Los Angeles; Earl Melton, Chicago; P. L. Siemiller, Chicago, and Jesse C. McGlon, Birmingham, Alabama.

Two new vice presidents were elected—E. R. White, San Rafael, Calif., and George P. Schollie, Dorval Quebec. White's election balances the vacancy created by the elevation of Hayes, while Schollie succeeds D. S. Lyons, retiring vice president for Canada.

World's Smallest Nation Now a Ship Union Threat

LONDON (LPA) — The International Transport Workers Federation, which was cooperating with AFL maritime unions in this country in a boycott of ships flying the Panama flag, suspended its boycott after Panamanian officials said they would take steps to improve conditions on the ships.

It has been a practice of American and British ship owners to transfer their vessels to a Panamanian registry in order to avoid wage rates and health rules required on American and British ships.

The same day the transport workers called a temporary halt to their boycott activities, the International Labor Organization announced it has set up a committee to investigate working conditions on the ships.

Meanwhile, ITF discovered that the tiny independent republic of San Marino, near Italy, which recently re-elected a Communist-led government, has blossomed forth as a new threat to marine workers. San Marino, which covers 38 square miles and has a population of 12,000, has set up a shipping registry to which foreign vessels can be easily transferred. The purpose of such transfers, says ITF, is "to evade taxation, currency regulations, safety and labor rules and standards."

IBEW Bails Out Paper Employers Tried to Kill

WASHINGTON (LPA)—One of America's largest unions, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers-AFL, came to the rescue this week of a small-town publisher facing destruction of his paper.

The help was extended to Charles A. Crowder, publisher of the Flora (Ill.) Sentinel, a bi-weekly, which had been the target of a wrecking plot by a clique of business men in that town of 6000 population.

GAVE LABOR A BREAK

Secretly, the business men bought up notes and mortgages on Crowder's property, instituted foreclosure proceedings and got a judgment. Then they tried to seize the paper's presses and silence the publication, because it refused to abandon its policy of giving organized labor a fair break in its news columns.

Specifically, they demanded that Crowder cease giving any space to the workers' side in a strike of an IBEW local for recognition at the city's utility plant. When Crowder refused, they pushed the scheme to close the paper, but Crowder won a stay in court against enforcement of the judgement—a stay that was to expire in a fortnight.

Local unions tried to raise the $12,500 needed by Crowder to clean up the notes and mortgages, but that much money wasn't to be had among organized workers in so small a town. The IBEW then swung into the breach, extending a loan sufficient to clean up the debt and save the paper.

TRACY'S WIRE

President Dan W. Tracy, in a wire to Crowder, made it clear there would be no strings attached. His telegram read:

"We have observed with interest your great fight in Flora, for the maintenance of the principle of a free press. Under our system of free democratic government, freedom of the press is a fundamental principle which must be fought for vigilantly and tirelessly by all true believers in our constitution."

"Accordingly, we of the IBEW, in the exercise of our rights as American citizens, have arranged for a loan to be made to satisfy the notes which are secured by mortgages on the real property and operating equipment of the newspaper.

"We have had business experts check the matter and have been advised that this is a sound business transaction. In return for the loan you will be required to execute the legal documents to give full security for the loan.

NO STRINGS ATTACHED

"You may be assured that there are no strings attached to this offer and that we will not use our financial interest to control your editorial or news policy in any manner, directly or indirectly. Labor seeks no special privilege. Truthful and undistorted coverage of the news is all that we ask and are entitled to."

The offer was accepted in the following wire from Crowder:

"It is with a great sense of relief that I accept your offer through which I will be able to continue to maintain my newspaper. The deadly effect of a series of actions in Illinois which threaten free speech and press, as a whole require a national reaffirmation to the principles of constitutional government and the rights of all people in order that democracy may prevail.

To me your generous action might well be termed a declaration of "Emancipation" of all the rural press of America from the dangers of oppression by a few people. Allow me to say that the great majority of the people and the business of Flora are with us with their moral support. Thank you and your Brotherhood from the depths of my heart."

Best Contract Yet

NEW YORK (LPA)—"One of the best" contracts so far negotiated by Retail Clerks International Association-AFL has been obtained for 500 employes of the Oppenheim Collins department stores. Benefits include a $3-a-week wage increase, a 38 instead of the current 40-hour week, and a hospitalization plan financed by the company. The union's Local 1601 said it agreed to a three-year contract with reopening every year to provide for a cost-of-living increase.

Family Benefits

NEW YORK (LPA)—A worker waiting to be rehired after the end of a strike is entitled to all union contract benefits, according to an arbitration decision involving Textile Workers Union of America-CIO and Sidney Blumenthal & Co., Shelton, Conn. TWUA argued that the family of Robert Sharpe, the employe in question, was entitled to insurance benefits under the contract, because of Sharpe's death. On strike from July 28 to November 15, 1948, Sharpe was awaiting recall when he died.

Medicos' Propaganda is Called 'Slickest Line Ever Conceived'

WASHINGTON (LPA) — The sharpest and most thoroughly documented attack on the American Medical Association ever to be heard in the halls of Congress highlighted hearings before a House Interstate Commerce Subcommittee on the Truman health insurance bill.

Rep. John Dingell (D., Mich.) called the AMA's $3,500,000 campaign against health insurance "the slickest thing that was ever conceived to befuddle the people and the Congress."

'BIG CITY DOCTORS'

Dingell, co-sponsor with Rep. Andrew Biemiller (D., Wis.) of the House bill, spared no words to describe his contempt for the "hard core" of big-city doctors in the AMA who are spearheading the drive. Behind them, he charged, are big insurance companies and the same group of employers that, in 1935, fought against workmen's compensation and social security.

He assured members of the committee that they needn't worry about veiled threats by doctors' groups that they'd be fought in the next elections if they voted for health insurance. Dingell related how, each time he's been up for re-election, the doctors' organizations have made these threats, and each time his margin of victory has increased. "The rank and file of the American people will support any man who will stand up and fight for health insurance," he asserted.

"I have evidence here," Dingell told the committee, "that doctors are being asked by the AMA to capitalize on the intimate relationship between doctor and patient for the political purpose of defeating the President's health program and retain the monopoly the AMA and the local medical societies hold over the economics of medicine."

WHITAKER'S PLAN

He then passed around copies of the plan prepared by the high-powered publicity firm of Whitaker and Baxter. The publicists want local medical societies to send them the name and address of the personal physician of every member of Congress. They will then prepare a "personal" letter from doctor to Congressman-patient "telling him of the danger of socialized medicine, and asking for his help in defeating any compulsory health insurance program which may be submitted." In other words, Dingell added, "the doctors are being asked to use their personal confidential relationships with patients to make a selfish political battle for their own benefit."

The Michigan Congressman called the "socialized medicine" phrase "a scurrilous and contemptable coldly coined term" which is being used to smear the idea of health insurance. "If it is sound to apply the insurance principle to fire and theft, to property insurance, hail, flood, drought, if it is sound to insure your life and to insure even your hogs and your cattle, it is even more sound and desirable to insure against the hazards of health," Dingell said. "There is nothing in this bill except insurance."

Senate subcomittee hearings will be on this week, with AFL and CIO scheduled to be heard, along with medical organization and public health groups.

Steelworkers Serving Notice on 2000 Firms

PITTSBURGH (LPA)—The million member United Steelworkers of America-CIO has served notice on over 2000 steel companies—large and small—that it "desires to negotiate" new contract benefits for its members before July 16.

Main targets of the steelworkers union are 835 companies employing about 706,000 workers. They include the giant U. S. Steel and such other huge combines as Bethlehem Steel, Youngstown Sheet and Tube, and Republic Steel.

Although USA's contracts with these companies run until May 1950, wage and social benefit clauses are open for renegotiation now. USA reminded the employers in letters sent out by President Philip Murray that on July 16 it has the right to strike. The companies, of course, can lock out the workers if an understanding has not been reached by that date.

USA sent similar letters to 1221 companies, employing about 319,000 workers, whose union contracts expire this summer. These smaller companies will be presented with wage bills similar to those USA is handling the bigger companies on behalf of their employes.

Although Murray's letter did not specify the exact amount of the demands USA is shooting for, USA made it plain that it wants hourly wage increases, pensions, health insurance, and company-paid medical care for its members.

The total demands will come to about a 30c real wage increase per hour for every steel worker.

Murray called employers' attention to the recent Supreme Court decision in the Inland Steel case which requires them to bargain in good faith about pension and health plans.

No reliable statement has so far been forthcoming from the industry as to what its counteroffers will be. Indications are that the union will have to fight hardest for a cash wage increase and that the companies will attempt to reduce the health and pension benefits which USA will propose.

Landlords Are Warned to 'Take It Easy' by Pal

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Apparently worried over what might happen if landlords carry out their fondest hopes, President T. H. Maenner of the National Association of Real Estate Boards called on Nebraska property owners "to exercise the greatest restraint in increasing rents." NAREB, of course, is the lobbying outfit that got the 1949 rent control law made just as weak as possible.

In Nebraska, where the legislature has voted decontrol of all rents November 1, Maenner paid "tribute" to "the rapid and energetic action of a group of small property owners."

The NAREB president warned realtors to look out for the "good name" of the landlords. Maenner is a real estate man in Omaha, Nebraska.

No Discrimination

RICHMOND, Va. (LPA)—Another step in the fight to give Negroes the franchise in the South was taken recently. The U. S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals upheld a District Court decree enjoining South Carolina's Democratic party from denying Negroes full participation in the party because of color. Circuit Court Judge John J. Parker stated that barring Negroes from Democratic clubs, which control southern primaries, is indirectly but nevertheless plainly unconstitutional.

Tobin Argues FEPC Needed to Protect Earn-Living Right

U. S. Govt. Release

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Freedom to earn a living without being discriminated against because of race, color, religion, or national origin is as important as are the civil rights and freedom guaranteed by the Bill of Rights in the Constitution of the United States, Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin told members of a congressional subcommittee on fair employment practice legislation,

"The freedoms of speech, assembly, and religious worship are all precious," Secretary Tobin said. "But in order to enjoy these freedoms one must exist, and the existence of most of us and our families is dependent upon the wages and salaries we can earn. To deprive any person of the chance to make a living is to violate one of the most fundamental of human rights."

Aside from moral and political considerations, Tobin said in his testimony before the committee, there are compelling economic reasons for the enactment of fair employment practice legislation.

"Discrimination in employment," he declared, "subjects large segments of our population to substandard housing, inadequate diets, poor health, inadequate education, and adversely affects the general welfare.

"Discrimination in employment depresses the wages and the income of the minority groups, resulting in a reduced purchasing power and potential market for goods, which in turn results in reduced production. Reduced production cuts down employment. The impact of discriminatory practices is therefore not only on the immediate victims but upon all of us."

Tobin said that "legislation which relies primarily upon peaceful persuasion as a method of dealing with discriminatory employment practices is the most desirable approach to this problem."

JOBS FOR LAWYERS will be sought by a special committee of established attorneys formed by the University of California Law School Association. They're worried about what is to become of the large number of graduates from the University's School of Jurisprudence.

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State Fed Backing Summer Institute On Labor Subjects

Announcements are going out on the Summer Labor Institute, to be held August 14-20 at Asilomar, near Pacific Grove. The Institute is sponsored by the University of California Institute of Industrial Relations in cooperation with the California State Federation of Labor.

The University points out that "a similar program was sponsored last summer at Asilomar and was highly successful," and adds:

"Not only was the Summer Labor Institute sponsored by the State Federation of Labor, but was also heartily endorsed at the last Convention of the State Federation in Long Beach. At that Convention, the assembled delegates passed a formal resolution endorsing the program of the Institute of Industrial Relations and urging all AFL unions in the State to support its efforts.

"You will note that John Shelley, President of the State Federation of Labor, and C. J. Haggerty, Secretary-Treasurer of the Federataion, will appear on the program.

"Professor Edwin E. Witte, Chairman of the Economics Department at the University of Wisconsin and the nation's foremost authority on social security, will also participate."

BAY AREA PEOPLE

Among Bay Area labor people who will be active on the program, besides those already mentioned, are: Barney Mayes, technical advisor, Western Federation of Butchers; Charles P. Scully, legal advisor, State Federation of Labor.

Clark Kerr, director of the Berkeley campus University of California Institute of Industrial Relations, will play an active role.

Enrollment fee for the Summer Labor Institute will be $16. Various types of accommodation are available, ranging from $22.50 to $39, including board and room.

For further information, communicate with Abbott Kaplan, 405 Hilgard avenue, Los Angeles 24.

TEN SUBJECTS

Following are the subjects to be taken up at the Summer Labor Institute:

1—History and Problems of Labor.
2—The Economic Outlook.
3—Current Labor Legislation.
4—Community Relations.
5—Health and Welfare Plans.
6—Social Legislation Affecting Labor.
7—Collective Bargaining Seminar.
8—Labor and Politics.
9—Where is the Labor Movement Headed?
10—Labor and the Legislative Process.

Georgia AFL Pledging Fight on T-H Democrats

MACON, Ga. (LPA)—That organized labor in the Peach State is up in arms over the anti-labor record of Georgia's contingent in Congress was demonstrated at the 51st annual convention of the George Federation of Labor, held here.

Out of the state's 10 members in the House of Representatives, only one, Henderson Lanham, voted right on the issue of Taft-Hartley repeal. All other joined a coaltion with Republicans to put over the "Wood bill," a revised version of the Taft-Hartley act, with a Southern accent.

Charles B. Gramling, retiring president of the Federation, urged that plans be laid now to get all workers registered so that an all-out effort may be made in 1950 to defeat as many of Georgia's Taft-Hartleyites as possible. The convention decided unanimously to make that its No. 1. objective.

At the same time, a resolution was adopted denouncing reactionary Southern Democrats "for joining forces with identical elements of the Republican party in order to preclude the fulfilment of campaign promises which the majority of our people had by their votes approved."

Gramling, who is also an international vice president of the Operating Engineers, was elected president emeritus of the Federation. J. B. Pate, head of the Macon Federation of Trades, was chosen to succeed him as president. Henry W. Chandler was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Virginia Law Challenged

ROANOKE, Va. (LPA)—Constitutionality of Virginia's stiff anti-picketing law is to be contested. After an International Ladies Garment Workers organizer was arrested for singing on the picket lines and calling a strikebreaker a scab, it was announced the case would be taken to the Supreme Court if necessary.

Legislature Acts On Labor Proposal

State Federation News Service

Amid continual bickerings over budget items the Legislature last week acted on important unemployment and disability insurance bills, as follows:

Federation **AB 896** (Brady), making specific procedures mandatory for the Employment Stabilization Commission, passed the Assembly June 1.

Federation **AB 669** (Berry), to require that all due but unpaid wages shall figure in final computation of benefit amounts, passed the Assembly June 1.

AB 444 (Butters), exempting employes engaged in limited hay baling operations from all provisions of the Unemployment Insurance Act, while a bad bill, was amended in the right direction. Prior to amendment the Assembly had refused to approve it. On final passage June 1, the vote was 61 to 2, with Anderson and Elliott (Los Angeles) voting against it.

SB 389 (Desmond) has been amended to provide that if 85 percent of the employes, instead of 75 percent, agree to a voluntary unemployment disability insurance plan, then all employes must be covered the bad features of the bill are thus somewhat reduced. Under the present law, only individual employes agreeing to the voluntary paln are covered by such a plan.

Federation **AB 112** (Fletcher), to remove the necessity of acquiring consent of employers to voluntary plans, has been removed from the Assembly inactive file and will come up for passage soon.

Luggage Workers Caucus, Oust Their President

NEW YORK (LPA) — Samuel Reinlib, for ten years president of the International Handbag and Luggage Workers Union-AFL was retired.

Just before the union's convention convened in Atlantic City, a caucus of nearly all the delegates, except Reinlib, met and agreed on a new slate of officers. Reinlib wasn't on the list. Instead Jack Wieselberg, manager of a large luggage workers' local in New York was chosen for top spot.

Reinlib's opponents declared that they don't doubt his competence, devotion or honesty. But, they say, he's been too "tyrannical, dictatorial and arbitrary."

The ex-president admitted that he'd been arbitrary on occasion, but said it was all due to his devotion to the union. "I was some dictator," he declared. "I wish it had been as easy to get rid of Hitler and Mussolini as it was to get rid of me."

Two days later AFL President William Green appeared at the convention, and had kind words to say for Wieselberg and the union. He told the convention that he thinks a Taft-Hartley repealer acceptable to the AFL will pass this session of Congress, and outlined AFL plans to beat Senator Robert A. Taft (R, Ohio) when he comes up for re-election next year.

Another convention speaker, Joseph Godson of the Lewish Labor Committee denounced current campaigns in Russia and its satellites against Jewish organizations. "It is a flagrant example of how communism is aping the Nazi philosophy," he declared.

AFL Will Back Lausche In Race Against Taft

CLEVELAND (LPA)—The AFL executive council has promised Sen. Robert A. Taft (R., Ohio) the hardest fight of his career when he comes up for relection next year.

Both President William Green and Cleveland Federation of Labor President John Burns tempted Mayor Thomas A. Burke of Cleveland to enter the race against Taft, but Burke said he's not a candidate.

Joseph Keenan, chairman of LLPE—the AFL's political arm—then declared that "when the chips are down" the AFL will support Governor Frank Lausche (D.) against the daddy of the Taft-Hartley law.

"Exerybody I've talked to, including AFL leaders and Ohio liberals, feels Lausche is the strongest candidate against Taft," Keenan said.

"Anybody who underrates Taft is crazy," Keenan warned. "Taft has a lot of ability. He's a tough candidate and a tough campaigner."

Keenan recalled that Lausche has had some run-ins with organized labor during his political career, but said the AFL was willing to overlook these if Lausche makes a pro-labor race against the Senate Republican leader.

President Green invited all genuinely liberal groups, particularly Americans for Democratic Action, to join with the AFL for an early start in the fight against Taft.

New Employment Among Men Covered By Insurance Down

State Federation News Service

New unemployment throughout the United States declined among workers covered by state unemployment insurance systems during the week ending May 14, according to reports compiled by the U. S. Federal Security Agency. Initial claims declined from 354,300 to 344,400 with 28 states participating in the decrease. Secondary unemployment caused by the Ford labor dispute prevented a further decline in total initial claims, but with the settlement of this dispute, pending arbitration, a further decline in unemployment should occur.

This news seems to confirm the opinion held by government and other analysts that the past period of unemployment and falling prices was an adjustment of supply and demand resulting from wartime conditions, rather than the beginning of a major depression.

Other factors also indicate that the American economy is in a relatively strong position. The decline in prices, at least at the consumer level, has halted temporarily, and as reported in the Weekly News Letter for May 25, 1949, the BLS consumer price index rose slightly in March and April. In addition, corporate profits for 1948 and for the first quarter of 1949 are at a high level (Weekly News Letter, May 18, 1949,) according to incomplete reports of the National City Bank. These reports were confirmed by the U. S. Federal Trade Commission and Securities and Exchange Commission's final and comprehensive report for 1948, which shows net profits after taxes at 13.9 percent above 1947 levels for all manufacturing corporations.

Our present system of social security benefits and farm supports has also cushioned the readjustment and has prevented violent repercussions which would otherwise have occurred from unemployment. Marked increases in productivity in the past year have been reported in scattered and incomplete form from several sources, while further and still greater increases can confidentially be expected during the coming year, so that declining production costs should make it possible to absorb price cuts and still afford wage increases.

Two Newsmen Got $51,000 In Payments From Court

CHICAGO (LPA)—New scandals involving newsmen keep cropping up. The latest is the disclosure by the Chicago Daily News that both the business manager and advertising director of the Waukegan (Ill.) News-Sun collected $51,420 on the side as "investigators" for the Lake county court during the past seven years.

The men named are brothers—F. Ward and William L. Just, sons of the paper's publisher. They were paid the money to look into "inheritance tax cases." The Chicago "News" said that the $51,000 was part of "hundreds of thousands of dollars paid out in 'investigator' fees during that period to Republican politicians and their relatives." The investigators were supposed to check the securities and other assets left by wealthy persons, upon their death.

In defense of the fees they received, the two newspaper executives declared they got the money not as newspapermen, but because "we have been close friends of former Attorney General George Barrett for more than 20 years." The fees were set by the attorney general's office and approved by the county court.

100 Free Concerts to Be Given by AFM Local

NEW YORK (LPA)—Local 802 of the American Federation of Musicians-AFL had its own 50 piece band in New York's Memorial Day parade. It was the first performance in a new series of 100 benefit performances by President Richard McCann last week.

Most of the concerts will be given in veterans' and civilian hospitals in the Gotham area. Old people's homes and state jails will get some of the free music too.

The bands will range in size all the way from full symphony orchestras to small groups of strolling players.

The concerts will be paid for by the Recording and Transcription Fund, financed by the recording industry and administered in cooperation with AFM President James C. Petrillo.

It serves a dual purpose—providing work for under-employed musicians and good quality free music for the public.

Relief Numbers Soar

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Even though the year 1947-1948 was a "big income" year 3,500,000 persons received public assistance—a record figure. The reason, according to Federal Security Administration is that food costs in 1948 were 114% above the 1935-39 base, and this is the largest item in poorer families' budgets.



MAKE EACH A STOCKHOLDER IN GOVERNMENT—That's what president-elect Al Hayes of the International Association of Machinists suggested when urging passage of the health insurance bill, before a Congressional committee. The idea, he said, "is no more foreign to our democratic system than is a mutual insurance company, our school systems, or our Social Security act."—(LPA)

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Support of CARE Urged By State Federation

State Federation News Service

The American Federation of Labor, the California State Federation of Labor, many local unions and individual members of organized labor throughout the state have given their support to the CARE program for sending food packages abroad. If this program of aid is to continue, year-round support is necessary. All members are asked to send their contributions to CARE-AFL Representative, 50 Broad Street, New York 4, New York.

In the event that members of local unions do not know a specific beneficiary, the AFL Labor League for Human Rights or the CARE AFL Representative will supply names of authenticated needy trade unionists, or you may simply designate that your contribution is to go to a member of such a group.

It is essential that trade unionists in this country show their interest and sympathy in a very direct and personal way in the trade union movement and in the welfare of the people of Europe, so that European democracy may be invigorated and strengthened, and so that a free people abroad can resume their rightful place in the forefront of civilization and can contribute once more to the security and welfare of the world.

Iowa's GOP Governor is For Union Security

MASON CITY, Ia. (LPA)—Iowa's Republican governor, William S. Beardsley, put himself solidly on record for union security and unhampered collective bargaining, in an address to the Iowa State Federation of Labor's convention here.

Beardsley, a druggist and farmer, who defeated a reactionary GOP incumbent in primaries last year with organized labor's help, told the convention: "I firmly believe in the right of collective bargaining."

"Also, I believe the working people are entitled to union security," he added. "We in Iowa are justly proud of our labor movement and of the accomplishments of the workers of our great state."

Delegates cheered Beardsley, but some of them bluntly pointed out that "the members of the governor's party do not believe in collective bargaining." They cited the refusal of the Republican legislature to repeal the state's law barring closed or union shop agreements, and called for an all-out campaign in the next election to defeat those who voted wrong.

Another highlight of the convention was a stiff fight over the officers of the Federation. A. A. Couch was re-elected president for the sixth term by a narrow majority of 203 to 191.

Important Gains Made in Compensation Laws

State Federation News Service

Some important improvement in workmen's compensation legislation have been obtained through Federation efforts in Sacramento during the week ending June 3.

Federation **AB 154**, to eliminate the waiting period under workmen's compensation in cases where the disability lasts more than 49 days, will come up soon for Assembly concurrence in Senate amendments.

Federation **AB 172** (Dunn), to extend the term "injuries" to include damages to medical braces, eye glasses, etc., passed the Assembly June 1, with only Sherwin (Piedmont) in opposition.

Federation **AB 169** (Meyers, Gaffney, and Berry), to increase the maximum award from $2500 to $3750 in cases of serious wilful employer misconduct, passed the Assembly June 1.

Federation **AB 164** (Gaffney and George D. Collins), to reimburse individuals for all expenses in procuring x-rays and medical reports in contested claims, passed the Senate June 2 unanimously. On the same day, however, Senator Ward (Santa Barbara) forced reconsideration of this vote in order to make minor amendments to references in the Industrial Accident Commission's rules of practice and proceude. Thus the bill has now been placed at the bottom of the Senate calendar.

Pro-Union Churchman's Work Lauded by Tobin

CHICAGO (LPA)—Labor Secretary Maurice Tobin paid tribute to the work of the late Father John A. Ryan, Catholic clergyman, defender of labor's rights, and progressive economist.

Ryan, Tobin declared in a speech in Chicago, gave America a "dynamic interpretation" of the social encyclicals of the Popes.

He was, Tobin reminded his listeners, the author of the "Bishops Program," formulated during World War I, which signalized the support of much of the Catholic Church in America for social insurance, public housing and child labor laws.

Father Ryan's long-time advocacy of the right of workers to form unions lead to President Roosevelt's appointing him to the first New Deal labor relations board, Tobin declared.

"Is it not safe to say," Tobin asked, "that a man of Father Ryan's vision would approve our proposals to increase the coverage of social insurance and to extend its benefits?"

Despite the voicing by some Catholic hospitals and medical groups of opposition to President Truman's health program, Tobin then declared:

"It is in this spirit that I say to you that I believe Father Ryan would support the present administration's health insurance program."

Reinstatement Denied

PHILADELPHIA (LPA)—Offensive conduct on a picket line can mean denial of reinstatement, according to a ruling here last week by the Third U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Several members of American Federation of Hosiery Workers were denied their appeal of a charge against the Wytheville (Va.) Knitting Mills.

Helen Douglas in Attack on Downey

Indications that Congresswoman Helen Gahagan Douglas intends to try to wrest the Senatorship away from Sheridan Downey, incumbent, are increasing. Following is an account of a recent development, given by Drew Pearson in his syndicated column:

Members of Congress customarily don't cast too much aspersion on each other. Also, a lady Congressman is supposed to be demure, winsome, and follow the leadership of the males.

However, California's Congresswoman Helen Gahagan Douglas, who is as smart as she is beautiful, has chucked all this folderol aside and really taken off the gloves with the senior Senator from California—Sheridan Downey.

In a memo circulated to California leaders, Mrs. Douglas has pretty much shown up the Senator for what he is—a turncoat on his campaign promises.

She hit the alleged Democrat from California where it hurt most—by recalling the manner in which he climbed into the Senate as a California ham-and-egger. In those days, Opportunist Downey was the personal counsel for Dr. Townsend of old-age pension fame. But forgetting his one-time great solicitude for the poor and the aged, Downey recently held up Federal money for 2,500,000 old people, 1,200,000 dependent children, and 86,000 blind—all because of his fight for the big power and farm interests of California.

Ex-boss Crump and Labor Have Different Versions

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (LPA) — Boss Crump doesn't think much of the record of the Tennessee legislature, which has just adjourned, but leaders of labor think the lawmakers did a pretty fair job.

Last fall, Crump's machine got a hard jolt when Estes Kefauver was elected to the U. S. Senate, Gordon Browning to the governorship, and other anti-Crump men to the legislature.

Crump has received a few new jolts from this legislature. For one thing, it passed a law for permanent registration of voters, which is expected to make more difficult the machine leader's efforts to rig registration lists.

Also, the legislature whittled down the poll tax. It wiped out the tax for party primaries, which in Tennessee are more important than the regular elections. In addition, an exemption from payment of the tax was voted for women and the blind. On top of that, it passed a bill to clear the way for a constitutional amendment to eliminate poll taxes for all voters in all elections.

Among other measures enacted, the legislature tightened the ban on child labor in factories and hazardous occupations to cover children up to 16, instead of 14 as heretofore; reduced the maximum hours for working women from 56 to 48 a week, and boosted maximum unemployment compensation benefits from $18 to $22 a week.

Steelworker Named ECA Swedish Mission Chief

WASHINGTON (LPA)—Michael Harris, formerly a district director of the United Steelworkers of America-CIO, was named chief of the Economic Cooperation Administration mission in Sweden.

Since October 1948 Harris has been labor adviser to the Marshall plan mission in France, where his work has been highly praised by French democratic union leaders, as well as ECA officials. In Sweden he'll succeed businessman John H. F. Haskell who resigned last month.

Harris is the second trade unionist to assume a top ECA post in Europe. John Gross, past president of the Colorado Federation of Labor, took over the top spot in the Norwegian mission.

In 1943 and 1944 Harris was president of the Philadelphia Industrial Union Council, as well as USA director. He served in the U. S. army from 1944 until the end of World War II. While active in the labor movement Harris also served on the regional War Labor Board, War Manpower Commission, and OPA advisory committee, Philadelphia civic and interracial groups, and the Workers Defense League profited by his active membership.

Commenting on Harris' appointment, Clinton Golden and Bert M. Jewell, top labor advisers to ECA Administrator Paul Hoffman said: "This second appointment of a labor adviser to a mission chief position signifies the fact that labor is giving more than token assistance to the recovery of Europe. American labor has a right to be proud of this appointment and the recognition it implies."

Wants More Contact

WASHINGTON (LPA)—In order to augment understanding between American labor groups and their "opposite members" in other countries, Labor Department Secretary Maurice Tobin urges increasing the number of American labor attaches in U. S. embassies abroad. Speaking on a round-table program of the NBC network, Tobin stated that "old established contacts" between labor groups are our strongest link and urged that number of labor attaches be increased from the present 24 to 40.

Kids' Home Needs Repairs

INDIANAPOLIS (LPA) — The Juvenile Detention Home in this city is unfit for human habitation, Charles H. Boswell, chief probation officer of the Marion County Juvenile Court told AFL leaders here. Citing numerous facts, Boswell demonstrated the need for the appropriation of sufficient funds for repair work.

Assembly Weighs Little Wagner Act

State Federation News Service

On June 2 Assemblyman Collier (Los Angeles) withheld consent for George D. Collins' request to amend the FEPC bill, **AB 3027**, but at the close of the week the measure was changed to define a misdemeanor and to remove any appropriation. Thus the anti-discrimination measure is still in the Governmental Efficiency and Economy Committee of the Assembly.

A little Wagner Act was scheduled to be heard June 6 in the Governmental and Efficiency Committee. This bill, **AB 3150** (Anderson), is generous in its guarantees of labor's existing rights, but is drawn up to deal harshly and abruptly with all jurisdictional disputes.

A serious threat to the initiative process is being presented in an Assembly Constitutional Amendment, **ACA 85** (Dolwig), to increase by 50 percent the number of signatures necessary to qualify an initiative petition.

Philip M. Kaiser Named ILO Director For U. S.

U. S. Govt. Release

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Department of State announced that the President has approved the designation of Philip M. Kaiser, Director, Office of International Labor Affairs, Department of Labor, as Representative of the Government of the United States on the Governing Body of the International Labor Office.

Kaiser's nomination was submitted to the President by the Secretary of State upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Labor. He will attend the 109th and 110th Sessions of the Governing Body at Geneva, Switzerland.

Walter M. Kotschnig, Chief, Division of United Nations Economic and Social Affairs, Department of State, has been designated by the President as Substitute United States Government Representative to these two sessions.

In addition, Val R. Lorwin, Chief, European Section, Division of International Labor and Social Affairs, Department of State, and an officer of the Department of Labor will serve as Advisers to the Government Representative.

Miller, Havenner, Welch Back United Federalists' Plan

World Federalists Release

June 7, 1949: Identical resolutions were submitted today to the House of Representatives by Congressman Judd (R., Minn.) and Congressman Hayes (D., Ark.). Resolutions "seek development of the United Nations into a world federation" and were supported by 61 Democrats and 25 Republicans, among them 10 Californians including Anderson, Havenner, Holifield, Jackson, McKinnon, Miller, Scudder, Welch, White, and Johnson.

The "world federation" Resolution reads as follows: "Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring) that it is the sense of the Congress that it should be a fundamental objective of the foreign policy of the United States to support and strengthen the United Nations and to seek its development into a world federation open to all nations with defined and limited powers adequate to preserve peace and prevent aggression through the enactment, interpretation and enforcement of world law."

To date a total of 22 state legislatures have officially gone on record in favor of world federation. They are: California, Connecticut, Maine, New Jersey, North Carolina, Florida, New Hampshire, Oregon, Arkansas, Colorado, Maryland, Rhode Island, Alabama, Virginia, Louisiana, Tennessee, Utah, Oklahoma, Georgia, Missouri, Massachusetts, Washington.

Considerations of world federation are not new to Californians. On April 6 of this year California's State Legislature became the first in the nation to request the calling of a constitutional convention to consider amendment to the U. S. Constitution to enable America to join a world federation.

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EDITORIAL AND FEATURE PAGE OF THE EAST BAY LABOR JOURNAL

BARGAINING ELECTIONS, LEWIS OF THE MINE UNION, AND NLRB

The NLRB, summarizing the results of collective bargaining elections for the first three months of this year, announced that election winners were as follows: AFL unions, 436; CIO unions, 193; unaffiliated unions, 229; no union, 347.

Valid votes were cast in these elections as follows: AFL, 34,668; CIO, 34,401; no union, 28,008.

It is to be observed that while the AFL won more elections than the CIO, the total number of votes cast for the CIO is very close to that cast for the AFL. This seems to confirm the remark of one newspaper that "the AFL won more elections, but apparently the CIO won bigger ones."

Moreover, it is not too comforting to note the number of elections won by unaffiliated unions, and still less comforting to note the great number of elections won by that rascal, "no union."

On the whole, there doesn't seem to be much to crow about in this record of collective bargaining elections for the first quarter of the year.

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About the same time that these figures were announced, the news came that the AFL high command had rejected John L. Lewis' overtures for having the United Mine Workers reaffiliate with the AFL. Lewis' proposal was that the AFL endorse his policy of boycotting the NLRB under the Taft-Hartley Law.

Of course, that was John L.'s ostensible reason for quitting the AFL the last time he did so—because the AFL wouldn't go along with his plan to boycott the board while the Taft-Hartley Law was in effect.

So when the recent overtures were made, the AFL Executive Council is reported to have turned down Lewis "by acclamation."

Now, John L. Lewis is a very annoying person, but one reason he's annoying is because every once in a while one suspects that he is offensively and inexcusably right about some important point. Just suppose, for instance, the San Francisco convention of the AFL had gone along with his proposal, and had adopted a resolution calling on every affiliated union to refuse to take the T-H non-Commie oath and to refuse to take any case to the NLRB. Would the AFL be worse or better off now? Would Congress be more or less prone to repeal the T-H Law?

An uncomfortable question. But John L. is always making people uncomfortable. For one thing, his real reason for quitting the AFL may have been, some people thought, that he was getting into so many squabbles with AFL unions because of his District 50 invasions of jurisdictions.

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The only real conclusion we arrive at in this discussion of collective bargaining election results and the rejection of Lewis' overtures is that it isn't safe for any of us to assume that everything in our huge federation is necessarily going beautifully. A lot of painful thinking needs to be done on uncomfortable questions which current events raise.

THE CASE OF THE 33 EDITORS

Senator Wayne L. Morse, liberal Republican of Oregon, says that although the executive board of the International Printing Pressmen's Union has issued a report scaling down considerably the original rumors about the financial operations of the late George L. Berry, the Senate Labor Committee will continue a vigorous investigation of the manner in which Berry used the union funds.

Well, no union man can kick against such investigations if they are conducted in other than a Pegler spirit.

But we do hope that the Senate and the press will with equal vigor pay heed to revelations about institutions other than unions. Just for instance, that little affair of the 33 editors and publishers of Illinois papers who were carried on the "compensation for personal service payroll" of former Governor Dwight H. Green, Republican, for a total of $305,000. One publisher got $41,281 out of that, being listed as a "special investigator" and a "statistical clerk."

One managing editor got $5620 as a "Highway Department messenger clerk."

It must be admitted that two labor magazines were listed among the recipients of such favors from what is called in Illinois "the Green gravy train." But on the whole the Governor's favorites were editors who held to political beliefs by no means overfriendly to labor.

FEATHERBEDDING IN ALKALI?

The next time the subject of featherbedding is brought up, it might be a good idea to discuss energetically some of the featherbedding of which "the Alkali Cartel" is accused by the Government.

The Government charges that two associations of alkali producers in this country combined with Imperial Chemical Industries of Great Britain and with German and Belgian firms to restrain interstate and foreign trade and commerce in alkalis. One of the outfits is the California Alkali Export Association, commonly called Calkex.

The alkalis involved were soda ash, which is used in the manufacture of glass, textiles, and chemicals; caustic soda, used in making soap, textiles, rayon, paper, and other products; and bicarbonate of soda, used in food and drug products, and as baking soda.

Just read that list of key materials and the things they are used for, and stop to realize the amount of featherbedding, blocking the normal course of production, is involved in getting control of so many industries through control of strategic supplies.

This conspiracy to featherbed the operations of the cartel began in 1924, a full quarter of a century ago, the Government charges, and involved dividing the whole world up into areas, with the various conspirators assigned exploitation free from competition in specific areas. A vast operation extending over a great period of time!

Yet compared with the amount you read in the daily press about alleged featherbedding by unions, how much do you run into about the operations of this alleged Alkali Cartetl? Not very much!

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FRIEND AND FOE

In Radio and Press

PEOPLE BECOME COMMUNISTS, mostly, for "idealistic reasons. They represent all classes of the population . . . They are consumed with a passion to improve the lot of mankind. . . . Seasoned Communists are much more dangerous, for in the place of the honesty of purpose and the soul of idealism that was their ruling passion at the start, now reigns a calculated determination to conquer and rule, cost what it may. They have become cruel professional revolutionists, without compassion for the sufferings they may inflict upon mankind in achieving Communist destiny by means of a brutal and bloody ascendancy to power."

Benjamin Gitlow says the above in an article in the American Legion Magazine entitled "What Makes Them Commies?"

It isn't merely poverty and the ills of mankind that go with poverty, however, which drives serious minded young idealists into Communism. It is the spectacle of the idlemindedness and stupidities which accompany prosperity in our mechanized culture. Young people burning to live truly and fully, to serve, to develop the souls within them, see vast numbers of men and women devoting all their spare time to commercial entertainment. They rebel against this. They resolve they will not live "as the beasts that perish." Is this all our boasted American prosperity has to offer its folk? they ask. And they behold the intensity and zeal with which the Communists work at their projects, and are drawn into the thing.

Jack Tenney and William Randolph Hearst can puff and howl and objurgate and demand loyalty oaths all they please, they're not going to stop this process. The problem is fundamental: will the bulk of us so idly and foolishly spend the leisure the machine creates that we will drive into Communism, Fascism, or anything that promises hard service and the development of personality the more earnest and capable souls among us?

Consider Harry Bridges a moment. If it's true, as the most recent indictment alleges, that he's been a Communist all these years, hasn't he had a lot more fun, if that's the word to use, serving a cause in which he earnestly believed, than if he'd just been drifting, idly letting commercial entertainment pour junk into a mind growing ever more flabby?

More of us will have to grow up mentally and spiritually if we wish to stop the growth of Communism. We've got to outgrow it!

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POWER TRUST STOOGE SETUP VERY ACTIVE

The usual obstacles are being put in the way of the Columbia Valley Authority proposed by President Truman. Assistant Secretary of the Interior C. C. Davidson puts it:

"Opposition comes from the people who have always been opposed to conservation and who have sought to exploit the resources of the public domain for selfish interest. In the forefront, as always, are the private utility corporations, the power lobbies.

"As is their custom, they are operating behind front organizations financed largely by them, such as the development associations, and water users protective councils recently organized in the Northwest mainly for the purpose of defeating the Columbia Valley Authority bill."

This is the same fight we're still going through in California. As State Federation of Labor C. J. Haggerty has put it:

"Our people cannot be fully and profitably employed unless we have greater and more rapid development of our water and power resources. . . . In 1930 we held a special election in this State to see whether the people wanted public power and water development of the Central Valley or not. The private power trust tried its best to get the people to decide against it. They failed; the people wanted development and voted for it. But the opponents of public water and power development have not ceased their efforts. They continue to use the very arguments and to promote the same ends which the people of the State expressly repudiated."

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LABOR DOESN'T TALK OF ARISTOCRATS NOW

Once a phrase has passed into common usage, it is taken for granted that it's always been on hand. But Henry F. Woods in his book, "American Sayings," makes us realize that there is a known definite date for the origin of many of them.

For instance, "the cold war" phrase arrived on October 24, 1948, when Bernard M. Baruch told a Senate committee: "We are in the midst of a cold war."

And it seems that as recently as 1902 another famous phrase had its birth, when Congressman W. D. Vnadiver said: "I'm from Missouri, you've got to show me."

"A smoke-filled room" originated in 1920, when Harry M. Daugherty predicted at the Republican convention that a group of tired men "in a smoke-filled room in some hotel," would nominate Warren G. Harding.

Words go out of use, too. A hundred years ago, during the Jackson era, when labor unions were very active, they constantly spoke of their opponents as "aristocrats," or referred to "the aristocracy," terms American labor people now do not use.

In one of the Jackson campaigns, workers' parades sang:

"Mechanics, cartmen, laborers
Must form a close connection,
And show the rich aristocrats
Their powers at this election."

Foster Rhea Dulles says that in those days, workers "in considering divisions in American society, the lines they saw were those between aristocracy and democracy, between the rich and the poor, rather than between employers and employes."

SAME FRUIT



TELEPHONE UNION MOVE IS DISCUSSED BY IBEW

Following is part of a statement issued by the AFL International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers shortly after the affiliation of the Communications Workers of America with the CIO:

Leaders of the Communication Workers of America (CWA) loudly complain because the IBEW-AFL objected to being on their affiliation ballot. We never asked or expected to be on the ballot. We never withdrew. The matter was never mentioned to us. We never knew of it until we read it in the press. Then we objected.

And why? First, CWA convention records (June, 1948) show that a majority of its Executive Board was already committed to the CIO. Second, we knew CWA officers would take CIO speakers to membership meetings, such as CWA President Beirne has been doing. Third, we knew that those who favor CIO would handle and count the ballots.

Later we learned that no CWA Division or area is to be allowed to know how it votes. Only the grand total vote is to be made known. AFL national labor unions publish how each of their locals or groups vote on any referendum. And one can always learn how each precinct votes in any public election in America.

But not so with CWA. Mr. Beirne has lately announced that "We don't want the Company to know how any division or area votes." In Chicago (February 24, 1949) he stated: "We don't want any weak divisions to be shown by the vote." Some answers! So we refused to be part of such a farce—part of what some considered a loaded ballot.

CWA MEMBERS REVOLT

CWA members have revolted in Minnesota, Missouri, Kansas, Florida, New York (Western Electric) and in other places. They object to having the CIO crammed down their throats.

IBEW-AFL speakers have been allowed to address only three CWA meetings. They were allowed to face Mr. Beirne recently in Brooklyn and New York City, before CWA Division No. 18 (Western Electric). He was booed by his own members. The same has happened at other CWA meetings where no IBEW speaker was present.

CWA members in various sections have definitely shown they oppose CIO by at least two to one. In the New York City meeting Mr. Beirne rejected our challenge to allow the Honest Ballot Association to conduct the vote in that one Western Electric Division—No. 18. We offered to pay half the cost.

CWA WOULD HAVE TO GO

No, the IBEW-AFL would not offer to leave CWA its name and identity—because we wanted no part of such a confused, loose and bankrupt affair. Nor would we take over the national leadership that has led its members down one blind alley after another.

Of course, to take the place of CWA, we would have a National Telephone Council to act on a national basis—to deal with national issues and problems. The same would be true of Western Electric groups. Since the employer operates nationally, there would be complete coordination. Telephone and Western Electric groups would NOT be isolated. Division, regional and national meetings would be held as often as necessary.

THE TWOC-CIO SPEAKS

Now let the Telephone Workers Organizing Committee-CIO speak:

"CWA is the new-look NFTW. It is not an industrial union. Its structure is a hodge-podge that divides workers by department and craft in the same company. It has as many as four steps of dues per capita in its crazy-quilt structure. It is broke and provides little service. . . .

"In the last year CWA has lost every single major election. . . . CWA is falling apart. . . . This year CWA undercut telephone workers by rushing to sign three-year no-wage-hike contracts without a fight of any kind . . . and in the strike last year had to beg organized labor for help. . . .

"In November, 1945, Joseph Beirne, its President, told Kearny workers it would back them to the hilt in their strike. Beirne & Company did—with a long, sharp knife. For 65 days in 1946 the Kearny workers walked picket lines. There was no financial support. . . . All the Kearny workers got from Beirne was abuse. . . .

"1947 was a repetition of 1946. . . . Beirne went on the radio to proclaim that the (national) strike would last 40 days. It did. When the strike was over, Kearny and ACEW were still out. Beirne disclaimed responsibility, and these unions had to settle as best they could.

"In 1948 CWA signed its three-year, no-wage-hike contracts and, with Ma Bell's blessing, hailed them as a pattern. . . . When ACEW negotiations were deadlocked, Western Electric confronted this union's negotiators with a letter from Beirne to his divisions telling them to crash picket lines. . . .

"It twice deceived Kearny. CWA meddling dragged Kearny into receivership in 1948. CWA's sole program is mudslinging and scandalmongering."

(Above quotations are from organizing pamphlets issued—September 25 and 30, 1948—by the TWOC-CIO.)

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Mr. Beirne and others write that CWA will remain the same as now—same structure, same set-up, same officers. He adds that local and national dues must be increased.

This means that the same "crazy quilt" set-up and leadership of CWA—condemned so violently by the CIO—will remain, with Beirne at its head. Mere issuance of a CIO charter to CWA will not change all this.

However, "Facts on Affiliation," issued by CWA reads:

"Jurisdiction covering the entire telephone field will be granted to CWA by CIO. . . . CWA can be expected to immediately represent an additional 65,000 workers. These now are in the Telephone Workers Organizing Committee (CIO)."

Yes, the CIO also granted jurisdiction "covering the entire telephone field" to the TWOC. But this did not stop three other CIO unions—ACA, UE and UWU—from continuing to battle each other for telephone and Western Electric employes.

ABOUT "UNITY"

The CIO and CWA now say much the same things about the IBEW-AFL that they used to say about each other. And each loudly uses the catchword of "unity." But they have never had unity. Mr. Beirne has been crying "unity" for 12 years, and he has no more of it now than at the beginning. The same leaders can never bring unity—because they have never been able to have it among themselves. Mere words will not bring it. Nor will a change in name or letters.

You cannot have unity by doing the very things that cause distrust and disunity. And anything built on a lie always cracks in due time—just as CWA has been cracking. Unity is built on confidence. It begins with leaders. They must set the example—but not with double talk and double dealing, misrepresentation and falsehood.

LINCOLN ON LABOR

The Motorman quotes a famous saying of Abraham Lincoln:

In the early days of our race the Almighty said to the first of our race, "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread;" and since then, if we except the light and air of heaven, no good thing has been or can be enjoyed by us without having first cost labor. And inasmuch as most good things are produced by labor, it follows that all such things of right belong to those whose labor has produced them. But it has so happened, in all ages of the world, that some have labored, and others have without labor enjoyed a large proportion of the fruits. This is wrong and should not continue. To secure to each laborer the whole product of his labor, or as nearly as possible, is a worthy object of any good government.

The habits of our whole species fall into three great classes—useful labor, useless labor, and idleness. Of these the first only is meritorious, and to all the products of labor rightfully belong; but the two latter, while they exist, are heavy pensioners upon the first, robbing it of a large portion of its just rights. The only remedy for this is to, so far as possible, drive useless labor and idleness out of existence.

NICE OF HIM

A woman went shopping at the local super-market and when she looked over her parcels at home she found that there were five oranges in the bag instead of the six she had ordered.

She called the grocer immediately. "Well, madam," he explained, "I noticed that one of the oranges was bad, so I threw it away for you."

WITH JOY OR GRIEF?

Tom: "Was he violent when you told him you wanted to marry his daughter?"

Sam: "Violent, I should say so. Why, he nearly shook my hand off."

WOMEN *in this World*

By EDITH McCONN

"AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION is worth a pound of cure," is an old saw which was re-emphasized recently when Dean Walter Henry Wright of the New York University College of Dentistry, spoke to a group of his fellow-dentists.

"We have been so concerned with dentistry for adults," he said "that the dental health of our children has been regarded as of secondary importance."

Dean Wright says that tooth decay among children has reached "epidemic proportions," with 90% of our children suffering from it.

Sweets are the prime offender, says this expert, and he told of how in Norway, during the war, when sweets were very scarce, there was a marked decrease in tooth decay. When the war was over and sugar again was plentiful, decay increased.

Dr. Willard C. Fleming, dean of the University of California School of Dentistry goes right along with his eastern colleague. Cakes, pies, sweet desserts, candy and soft drinks are on his black list.

"The corner candy store is one of the biggest contributing factors in the decay of children's teeth," he says.

If you have ever been near the candy counter of a store near a school at noon or right after school, you will know what he means.

The little dears are swarming! Bottles of "pop," candy, and various sugary concoctions are being grabbed for by the eager little customers who never seem to lack the necessary nickels and dimes.

These children range in age from the tiniest to high school and even college age. But don't blame the corner store keeper. Blame the parents.

Most mothers know by now that a good diet means good strong teeth in their children. They also know that sweets encourage tooth decay.

What can they do? Temptation and bad example is all about their children. Well, good habits are a help.

When children want to eat between meals, give them milk and fruit. Get them into the habit of thinking this is a good "snack." The habit may stick.

Get them into the habit of thinking of sweets as something that come after a meal, not before, and not between meals. See that they are truly well fed, according to modern nutritional standards, so they will not have unnatural cravings.

With a parent's best efforts, candy will, of course, be boot-legged, from time to time. But father might be persuaded not to give the kids so many nickels and dimes for random spending. The spending might be better supervised.

The sad fact is that most dentists believe that parents do not really try. Either they do not understand how important this problem is or they are indolent about supervising the youngsters.

The problem, as dentists see it, is in making parents realize just how much trouble they are building up for their children in time to come. We can't believe they don't care.

What is it, then?

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They Burst With Energy, So They Begin Busting Things

Our well-fed and well-cared-for youngsters to today are bursting with energy which, if it isn't properly harnessed, brings trouble. This is what Dr. Ralph Eckert of the State Board of Education told a group interested in youth welfare down in Palo Alto the other day.

Dr. Eckert believes that a community should spend every cent it can possibly afford in recreational, educational and counseling facilities for our young people.

"We cannot consider such expenditures as cost;" he said. "We must consider them an investment in our youth and in our future."

This educator believes that we have lost something in losing the old-time family gatherings, where children of all ages mingle together with adults.

He believes that younger children can learn poise, cooperation and fair play by mingling in groups with older children.

This seems like a common-sense view of things. We all learn by example more than by any other way. In our families of today with one or two children, often close of an age, there is less opportunity for this than in old-style families of a number of children of varying ages.

If those who work with young people—and this includes parents—keep this in mind, a great deal can be done to provide such varying companionship for our youngsters.

But we must always remember that home is where children learn first and most. The first responsibility is with the parents, who sometimes are inclined to forget this.

There is much for parents to learn in coping with today's offspring. It's no easy job. But the real fun in being a parent is seeing the job well done. Parents who try to shift their responsibility are not only harming their children but missing the best fun of being parents.

DAMAGED GOODS

A man rushed up to the bookmaker and placed a $5 bill on a 20-to-1 shot. The horse won, and the bookie gave the better $105 in $5 bills. The man examined every bill very carefully, which made the bookmaker angry.

"What's the matter, mister? Afraid of counterfeits?"

"No, not at all. I just wanted to make sure the one I gave you wasn't here."

DIFFERENCES

An American correspondent, proud of his first assignment to cover Moscow, filed a story in which he wrote: "During the big May Day parade I stood within a stone's throw of Premier Stalin." A Russian censor handed the wire back, having changed it to "I stood near Stalin. I threw no stone."

That Old 'Unity' Grip

By JOHN J. SWATTEM

If you don't mind getting your fingers soiled,
Try shaking hands with a Communist,
So he can utter some words well-oiled
While giving your arm a dirty twist.

GOVERNMENT MUST BE IN ON HEALTH PLAN, ARGUED

Dr. Emily H. Huntington of the University of California talked on "Health Insurance" over the "James Roosevelt Speaks" KGO program Sunday, June 5; and on Sunday, June 12, Dr. Leo Doyle of Berkeley on the same program commented on Dr. Huntington's talk. Since this subject is of great interest to organized labor, we publish herewith part of Dr. Huntington's talk, and next week will publish part of Dr. Doyle's. Dr. Huntington said in part:

Health Insurance is the application of the insurance principle to the costs and risks of sickness. Insurance distributes evenly over a group, expenses which fall unevenly on individuals. Everybody knows that sickness strikes with extreme unevenness. Insurance is the only way protection can be provided against the possibly overburdening costs of sickness.

A small sum, reliably estimated at 3 to 4 percent of our incomes, if pooled into one fund would pay for hospital, surgical and medical care for our population.

I should like to say a word or two to clear up a common misunderstanding about the concept of health insurance. It has been called Socialized Medicine or State Medicine. If we had Socialized Medicine, medical care would be provided as is our public education, by doctors selected by and working for the government. The patient would have nothing to do with the choice of his physician. It would create a new system of the practice of medicine.

WHAT INSURANCE DOES

Health insurance, on the other hand, makes no change in the present system of the practice of medicine except with respect to the method of payment. The patient is free to choose his physician and the physician his patients, but no longer is there a money barrier between doctor and patient. The patient can have all the medical care he needs and be assured that his doctor will be paid.

The doctor can use all the diagnostic devices necessary and give all the required treatments without fear of the financial burden to the patient. The possibility of going without necessary medical care or, as an alternative, accepting medical charity, is removed.

"VOLUNTARY PLANS"

In recent years the need for some sort of pre-paid medical insurance has been recognized not only by the population in general but by the medical profession. The doctors, however, believe that the need can be met by so-called voluntary plans. The issue now is mainly whether this need can be met by such plans as the Blue Cross, the California Physicians' Service, the Permanente Health Foundation and the like.

It is difficult to estimate the number of people who now have protection under the voluntary medical care plans. Dr. Channing Frothingham, who has twice been president of the Massachusetts Medical Society states that the voluntary medical insurance plans cover less than a sixth of the population and that they offer only limited protection, and often pay only a fraction of the medical costs. Dr. Frothingham concludes, "Voluntary health insurance has proved it cannot meet the nation's needs."

WHY PLANS FAIL

Why have the voluntary plans failed to meet the need? Many people are optimistic and believe that they are the lucky ones whom sickness will not overtake, so they don't join. Others want to join, but are not accepted either because their health record is too poor or they are too old to qualify for membership, or they do not belong to a group.

These persons cannot secure the protection needed. Many families in the moderate to low income groups cannot afford the premiums for the voluntary plans which are always a flat rate—not a percent of income.

Further, the benefits available under the voluntary plans are extremely limited so that additional medical bills may be and often are very large. Finally a pre-payment policy may be cancelled if the sickness rate of the group is too high. This action was recently taken by a prepayment plan in California. A group of persons joined this plan voluntarily, but the protection was denied them against their will.

The only kind of plan which will meet the need is a real system of health insurance supported by small contributions from at least 80 percent of our population and which would guarantee comprehensive preventive and curative health services. Only by this method can the cost of sickness be distributed evenly and medical care be assured to all in time of need.

SEVEN ESSENTIALS

What are the essentials of a sound health insurance system?

1—At least all the population in the moderate and low income groups must be members of the system.

2—The funds must be pooled and held in trust by a government agency.

3—The services should include:
- a. Care by a physician, a general practitioner or "family doctor" and specialist, in the home, office and hospital.
- b. Hospital and laboratory services.
- c. Prescribed medicine for hospitalized and non-hospitalized cases.
- d. Home nursing.
- e. Dentistry, certainly as an ultimate objective, if possibly not at the outset.

4—Free choice of physician by patient and of patient by physician.

5—Fair and adequate payment to the physician and for other services.

6—The administration must include adequate representation of the persons whom the system serves as well as of those who render the services.

7—Grants in aid for medical research and education.

RED ALARM IS BEING WORKED

Harry MacDonald wrote recently in the Fresno Labor Citizen:

I see by the paper where our old friend, the California Employers Association, is spreading the alarm down Porterville way that all the unions are being taken over—lock, stock and barrel—by the communists.

It's merely coincidence, perhaps, but the CEA began beating the drums just after the department store clerks union opened up an organizing drive in Porterville. While, it's no doubt just a happen-so, such smear talk comes in handy for the CEA as it goes about its own organizing drive.

Or maybe you didn't know the CEA does any organizing . . . and if the word is too crude, choose your own. At any rate, the CEA's calling in life is to form associations of businessmen in various towns, such as Porterville. And again, coincidence rears its head: the associations thus formed are never, never exactly 100 percent pro-union.

WE DON'T PATRONIZE

The following persons and firms, after a thorough examination into the causes at issue, have been deemed unworthy of the patronage of members of organized labor and their friends:

BAKERS, CONFECTIONERS
Peter Paul, Inc., 1001 81st Ave.
Hoffman Candy Co., Los Angeles Calif.

DRUG STORES
Stier Drug Co., 3407 Lakeshore, Oakland

LOCKSMITHS
All locksmiths in the East Bay area not displaying the union shop card.

PRINTING-NEWSPAPERS
Life
Time
West Coast Printing Co., 467 4th St.
Saturday Evening Post
Ladies' Home Journal
Country Gentleman

STORES
Drummond Appliance Co.—9315 E. 14th St. (Main) 5115 E. 14th St. 1408 148th Ave. San Leandro
Clinnick Appliance Co., Fruitvale and MacArthur, Oakland.
Berland's 1741 Telegraph.
Cannon's Shoe Store, 1030 Washington St., Oakland.
Feltman & Curme, 1208 Washington St., and 1932 Telegraph Ave.
Nisley Shoe Store, 1425 Broadway.
F. W. Woolworth Company, Hayward.
Vine Pastry Shop, 2114 Vine St., Berkeley

APARTMENT HOUSES
Graystone Apartments, 26 Penox Ave.

RESTAURANTS
White Log Taverns

BARBER SHOPS
The Star Barber Shop, 1926 University Ave., Berkeley
Barber Shop, 5482 College Ave.

MISCELLANEOUS
Jud Whitehead Heater Co., 4111 Broadway, Oakland
West MacArthur and San Pablo, Oakland
I. Magnin Co.
E. I. DuPont de Nemours, Paint Manufacturing Co., South San Francisco
Phil's Used Car Lot, 3350 San Pablo Avenue, Oakland
Hotel Menlo, 13th & Webster Sts., Oakland
Sealy Mattress Co., 6699 San Pablo Ave.
Bannum Truck Company
Gantner & Mattern Co., 3rd and Berry Sts., San Francisco
Mr. John A. Mancini, Civil Engineer, 1161 A Street, Hayward, California
West Coast Macaroni Manufacturing Co., 1250 - 57th Avenue, Oakland
Blackstone Mfg. Co., N. Y., Tools and Implements
National Mattress Co., 920 - 54th Ave.
National Nut Company, 362 Fourth St.
Goldstone Bros., Overalls
Portland Hotel, 476 - 9th St., Oakland
All Scale Companies not displaying the Union Shop Card
General Refrigeration Service Co., 5777 Grove Street, Oakland, California
Rio Theatre, Park Street, Alameda
Times Theatre, Webster Street, Alameda, California